**ASIAN FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION (AFSA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, February 6, 2015**

**12:00 – 2:00 PM, CDDS Conference room**

Attendance: Martha Vungkhanching, Srinivasa Konduru, Qin Fan, Woonki Na, Gena Lew Gong, Sarah Lam, Gyanesh Lama, Brian Tsukimura, Marlene Miyasaki, Sande Wu, Howard Wu

Guests: Vicky Xiong, Melissa Vang

* Quorum was reached as 8 out of 10 board members attended. Martha called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Minutes of November 21, 2014 meeting was approved.

**Agenda Items Discussed:**

Asian American Graduation Ceremony:

* Planning to held on May 9, 2015 between 12-4pm
* President Castro has agreed to be the key note speaker
* North Gym has been reserved for the event
* Need to obtain a list of all Asian students who are graduating
* View points expressed: Is it too late to start the process? Are Asian student associations on board with this? Has cost been estimated? AFSA board members (Faculty) are asked to visit the student organizations to canvas for the event. Gena will send a list of all the Asian student organizations to the board.

AFSA Leadership Workshop:

* 14 people have RSVP’d by Feb 6
* Catering expenses: $158, Change of flight expenses: $350; Kay Iwata’s Honorarium: $1000

Amerasia Week:

* Speaker: Pat Hatashi on March 4, 12-1pm followed by social
* Board voted unanimously for moving $200 from book award reception to Hayashi’s reception
* Board also voted to allocate $500 towards reception and Plaque
* Srini to check the availability/reserve the UBC auditorium

AAPI Initiative:

* May 2: Bringing high school students to campus to give them an experience/advising about college
* Need the support of faculty to be part of AAPI programs
* Ambassadorships to students

APAHE Conference:

* Only 1 application received as of Feb 6
* To promote the event more.

Tea Socials:

* Tea socials were not successful in fall
* Professional development events for students are also less attended
* Tea socials have to be encouraged so that members can have more interaction, AFSA started through these events
* They have to made into more engaging/participative events

Upcoming AFSA Events:

* March 6, AFSA Board meeting, 12-2pm, CDDS conference room
* March 19, Wells Fargo Event (Sarah, Gyanesh and Srini to coordinate)
* April 23rd, 12-1pm, Tea Social (Mochi Social)
* April 24, 12-2pm, AFSA meeting
* May 8, AFSA Board meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Srini Konduru.