

## Attendance

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- Penn Hawaii Club, Club Singapore, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Sigma Psi Zeta, Penn Pakistan Society, South Asian Society, Penn Philippine Association, Wharton Asia Exchange, Penn Taiwanese Society, alpha Kappa Delta Phi, Malaysians at Penn, Korean Students Association, Chinese Students Association, Japan Students Association (groups with presidents in attendance – 14/19 constituents total; more present without presidents)

## Announcements

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- White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Youth Leadership Briefing
  - All of new APSC board, old APSC board, board members of APAHW, CSA, SAS attended
  - Met with student leaders across the nation, heard speakers from the Obama administration about the work they've been doing for Asian American
  - Topics covered: undocumented students, education, bullying, campus activism
  - Asian American issues on the national level
  - Hope to bring panelists to Penn in the future
- PAACH Director Search
  - Still looking for new director for PAACH
  - Two more interviews this week that are open to students – Thurs at noon, and at 5pm
  - Students encouraged to attend and ask questions about what the candidates hope to bring to Penn and to PAACH
  - Opportunity to be more involved in PAACH and Penn community
  - Interviews will not be recorded – but if you are interested in candidates and input, then talk to Michelle after the meeting to set up dialogue with students who were in attendance
- ASAM Testimonials and Wish List
  - Princeton University, Williams University trying to set up ASAM minor in the school
  - Since we do have an ASAM program, we contacted these schools to ask how we could assist
  - We are providing student testimonials – we are working with ASAM UAB to gather these from any students who have taken these courses – will be sent out to the listserv, please submit!
  - This will be beneficial for us at Penn – we need to compile a wishlist of needs and requests for improvement of the ASAM program
    - This will be presented to the university to give them tangible ideas
    - Ex: student grants, new faculty, specific new classes
  - ASAM has a Research Conference – make academic paper submissions by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$300 prize, actual conference is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March
    - Send in at [upennasam@gmail.com](mailto:upennasam@gmail.com)
- Storage in ARCH
  - ARCH renovations will begin this summer and will be closed off for two years

## Asian Pacific Student Coalition

- We need to know how ARCH is being utilized – will be sending out a survey soon – so we can work out relocation logistics
- For groups who don't already use ARCH, we'll have an option on the survey to notify us of your interest
- We can move the space off campus and provide shuttle busing to and from campus
- President 1-on-1's
  - Discussed needs from APSC for the upcoming semester and the term
  - Discussed constituent visions and how APSC can help fulfill this
  - Bring up collaboration ideas to Florence so that she can facilitate this
  - Please sign up for the 1-on-1's!
- Funding Workshop
  - Funding workshop on Saturday, 1/28 1PM
  - Important for new treasurers or finance chairs
  - Learn about resources on campus to get funding from for events
  - Location will be confirmed later
  - Representatives from T-Change and more
  - Good place to share information, learn more
  - With extenuating circumstances for treasurers/finance chairs, send another board member – for groups who cannot attend, we will be sending out the PowerPoint, but it is highly encouraged to attend in person
  - This is just the first of a series of workshops we will be having
  - Penn will be checking into PNC and SFCU for student accounts – but do not worry! They can't legally find out about the owners of the accounts – this is important for groups who are SAC-recognized, because these groups are not allowed to have external accounts
- Newsletter
  - Compile all information that's relevant to constituents into a monthly newsletter
  - For constituents who are doing the constituent spotlight in the month before the newsletter is out, send in a few sentences for us to feature
  - Will feature student submission portion, will be 300 words, if you are interested email [political@upennapsc.org](mailto:political@upennapsc.org)
- Housekeeping
  - If you wish to unsubscribe from presidents or liaisons listservs, email [chair@upennapsc.org](mailto:chair@upennapsc.org) and let Michelle know which email to remove and which to replace it with
  - Please update the board page on our constituent contact sheet
  - Website should be updated with all new boards who have updated the contact sheets

## Break Out Session

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- Postponed to next GBM
- “Do we have a strong coalition, and if not, what do we need to do to make it one?”
  - What does it mean to be a coalition? Is the coalition still needed or relevant after 18 years?

Asian Pacific Student Coalition

- Do we have a strong coalition?
- How do you build a solid constituency?
- What issues does your organization face that others may face too?
- What does your organization do to nurture and grow the coalition?
- Is it important that we meet 2x a month, and if not, what would make it important?
- Should being in a coalition entail strict standards? E.g. mandatory collaboration once a year, mandatory president attendance, etc.

## Town Hall

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- Saturday, Jan 21, 12 to 2pm
- LGBT Center
- Please attend to provide feedback for the upcoming year

## Constituent Announcements

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- PTS Brunch Sunday 1/22 from 11-1 at Radian Lounge \$5 per member, \$7 per non member
- PTS Saturday 1/28 Free moving screening
- JSA first GBM Monday 1/23 in Huntsman
- CSA board applications due 1/18 at 11:59PM
- CSA/SAS collaboration Spice 1/19 at QBBQ & Tequila
- CSA Chinese New Year dinner 1/20 at Sangkee
- KSA GBM 1/24 8:30pm in Huntsman
- aKDPi has Open Rush this week
- WAX recruiting for spring, next Tuesday 7PM GBM
- Penn Thai earned \$2500 for flood relief last semester
- VSA GBM 1/19 F90 Huntsman 7PM
- VSA Cultural Show Mixer 1/19 F90 Huntsman 8PM
- PPA First GBM Monday 1/30 8PM Room TBA
- SAS Spring Cultural Show 3/18 tentatively, opened up signups
- PPS going downtown to Tamarin – for \$8 get full meal
- Sigma has Open Rush this week
- Lambda has Open Rush this week
- Lunar New Year Week – Thursday 1/19 study break in G90 from 7-9pm, on Friday 1/20 Karaoke Idol in Hall of Flags 8PM, Saturday main celebratory event with performances and games in Hall of Flags 7PM Saturday 1/21

## Constituent Spotlight

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- CSA
  - Dates back to early 1900's – represents all Chinese students, and those who are interested in Chinese culture
  - Fall – Culture Show, Dumpling Fest
  - Spring – Rose Sale
  - General – Family dinners, parties, study breaks
- SAS
  - Cultural, Social and Political programming
  - 2 big Cultural Shows – Fall have 11 performing arts groups perform 5 minutes each, Spring have open format show, where act leaders lead South Asian acts and participation is open to all who are interested
  - Parties and semiformals
  - Sibling program – pair up two freshmen and two upperclassmen, family program
  - Conference every fall – Symposium for Awareness of South Asian Issues
  - Moving into smaller scale programming as well – new board member called programming chair that spearheads resume workshop, other smaller events