

Vision Meeting

- Constituent-focused goals
 - Transparency
 - Create venues for them to see what we are doing, but also make sure they are checking it (make sure what we are writing doesn't go unseen)
 - Meeting with boards, making sure entire boards know what we're about
 - Create a semester report – transparency and accountability
 - Send to alumni as well
 - Making APSC relevant to constituent groups
 - Make sure that constituents know why they are in APSC
 - They see APSC as a networking facilitation
 - What unites us?
 - Ideally: Political identity, and issues they face as people of different culture with different values; how they face their struggles here – how they are viewed by social constructs
 - Presently: Just because they are Asian? – Not necessarily – historical movement towards pan-ethnicity was because of incidents such as Vincent Chin
 - However, APSC was created not for a political agenda, but so there wasn't any overlap in programming
 - Are we too big now for the Asian definition to unite our constituents?
 - Right now, based on the work that we do together, our constituency is in APSC for more passive reasons
 - Awareness of Asian American identity is the first step
 - Some constituents do not identify as Asian American since they do not intend on staying in America – if we became more politically active, then we would alienate internationals, Greeks, and WAX
 - This assumes that WAX members only identify as Asian American businesspeople rather than Asian Americans
 - Does this indicate that our constituents are only divided among international versus Asian Americans?
 - How do we distinguish presidents caring versus membership caring?
 - E.g. Lambda president does not care that much about APSC or issues, but there are brothers in the fraternity who are very involved in political issues
 - President sets the tone for the rest of the group
 - The benefits we face are not clear
 - Accessibility to administration
 - Helped SAS get Irvine as a venue
 - Facilitate collaborations by organizing events that groups can join
 - If the benefits are clear, then we can raise the standards to be in APSC
 - **More community service focus** – we can give constituents guidance towards community service efforts in Philadelphia – having an external focus
 - Partnerships with Philadelphia organizations
 - Partnerships with other campuses
 - Many groups are actually interested in this

- This is a cause that can actually unite the constituents
- Groups are worried about being stuck in the APSC bubble – we are supposed to have connections and close relations with the other coalitions in 5B, and facilitate relationships between groups that would not interact under the Asian bubble
 - This could be less realistic – too many go-betweens for us to facilitate, since we are connected with coalitions, not organizations
- Could APSC be seen as an educational force rather than an overseeing group?
 - Motivate people if something arises
 - State of Asian American politics at Penn: Facebook status activism, clicktivism
 - Keep the coalition united and aware enough to be able to effect change when issues arise, but not necessarily constantly fighting issues
 - Coalition will know each other well enough to know working styles – mobilization will be more efficient in times of need
 - **Mission: to educate constituency?**
 - Settling? Or the first step
 - Set strong foundation first
 - Brings up issue of Asians vs. Asian Americans
 - Begin with issues such as non-Asian Americans perceptions of Asia – will affect all constituents (Asians and Asian Americans) – for example, yellow peril
 - We'll often have issues that affects one group more than others, but we should try to strike a balance
 - This is to help partially answer the question “Why are we a coalition?”
- Definition of a coalition
 - Exist to strengthen the boards of our constituent groups individually
 - Constituents should learn from each other and be able to tap into each others' resources
 - Currently the coalition does nothing to learn from each other
 - There's not just Pan-Asian divide (south vs. east) – it's every single community
- Political-focused goals
- Administrative-focused goals
- Do we have a threefold or twofold or single goal?
 - The benefits that you get from either side (constituent & administrative) are transferred between the two but they are separate functions of APSC
- Serving the Asian community vs. serving the constituents?
 - The population we serve through administrative work is much bigger than only the constituents
 - Our administrative power causes us to take up initiatives that do not relate to our constituents at all – which should we focus on? Causes tension – this is why we are so obscure to constituents
- Ideally, constituents would bring ideas to us and we would be the vehicle and the facilitator of this
- Constituents do not know what they want yet because they are not educated yet
- Our immediate goal – build our coalition through education and helping them realize what they can do for each other
- Eventually, they can recognize that APSC is the vehicle to bring their needs to fruition through bringing these needs to administration – constituents should be “driving the train”
- Town Hall benefit mentioned – international students NSO event
- **Benefits APSC currently provides**

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- Access to funding resources (ICF, T-Change) and advocacy for them with the funding
- Officer training through workshops
- Networking
- Legitimacy
- Representation to administration
- Publicity (through Google Calendar, Newsletter, Website)
- Access to contacts with other universities