

Updates

- Position Updates
 - Curtis
 - ICF applications
 - VSA/Sangam are collaborating, Village Called Versailles – they were fully funded for this
 - JSA applied for Mochi fest – not sure what to fund them yet, since they're charging for food; last year, they took the funding request and subtracted off projected earnings, but last year they were still granted a lot. Possibly can use past precedent to get the same amount as last year
 - Nishat
 - Lunch with President Gutmann Tuesday (Jessica can make it) noon
 - Michelle, Nishat and Jessica meet up before Tuesday
 - Quaker OATs – Angel suggested dissolving it, but Lambda considers it extremely important to have it because it's been very useful for reaching out to LGBT students
 - Also mentioned being more present in ADAB,
 - UC apps due this weekend
 - Lambda is going to talk about tax equalization at the UC Forum
 - Penn/Temple SAS meeting this weekend
 - Florence
 - Went to ARCH space reservations meeting on Friday – recommendation was to let cultural centers have full priority in reserving rooms for a biweekly basis
 - First two weeks will be closed off to everyone except the cultural centers, but after that everyone can reserve spaces. Performing arts groups will reserve from first semester onwards since they will know their rehearsal schedules already.
 - Jon
 - Went to Quaker OATs meeting on Friday; met with Camille and other members of administration
 - Suggested APSC coming up with a way to publicize to schools with underrepresented minorities
 - We can help out with initial research but bring up the fact that this is supposed to be admissions' work – ex: coming up with an initial list of high schools
 - We want more of a say in Quaker OATs and more of a say in Multicultural Scholars Weekend
 - Carnival event mentioned – very negatively received at 5B meeting
 - Informal event where groups would be there with mini-events (hoping for every single constituent group to represent – pretty unrealistic)
 - Logistical nightmare, no real structure
 - Talked to Amy from Latino Coalition – they want to do some sort of collaboration – will email her and discuss tangible ideas (does she mean our coalition and their coalition, or our board and their board?)
 - Going to AAU on Friday
 - Talked to One Love Movement – meeting on Tuesday
 - Mayor's Commission – never got back; would rather work with grassroots organizations anyway

- Hopefully will get to talk to BPSOS sometime (Vietnamese grassroots org.)
- Bullying testimonials – got one, will forward it out again
 - Photos- need to still be sent out! **[Shawn] To Do: Send out photos**
 - Feedback: maybe don't use bruised pictures because it doesn't reinforce the message that bullying affects many Asian Americans (since the pictures are Photoshopped); it also doesn't reinforce Asian American protest because of the passive nature of the pictures
 - Should we move forward with the bruised pictures or base our campaign after Prop 8 campaign (No Hate on face, etc.)
- Shawn
 - Reached out to a couple alums to get opinion on how to create “alumni network”
 - Faye asked to bring up alumni network at next steering meeting as a discussion topic
 - Carlin reached out to all presidents of constituent groups – asked if they want UPAAN to formally keep track of alumni database
- Michelle
 - Retreat on Friday organized by alumni relations – representatives from coalitions and their respective resource centers, along with the alum group that was affiliated with them
 - Michelle, Shawn, Charley, Meeta, Shiella, Calvin (UPAAN) were there for APA community
 - Strengths, struggles, and news related to constituencies on campus and nationally
 - Disconnects between alums and undergraduates
 - Difficulties uniting a coalition under political umbrella
 - Came up with 2 goals and 2 action items
 - Creating and maintaining Pan-Asian identity, raising awareness of Pan-Asian identity (make APSC seem more relevant, bring more people into PAACH, and make alums, including South Asians, more active in UPAAN once they graduate)
 - PAACH welcome letter – spend more time discussing the Pan Asian identity
 - Reinforce diversity on PAACH website
 - Bridging gap between international and domestic students
 - Partner with AIS
 - Emailed aKDPhi, Club Sing, SAS, Penn Hawaii regarding making up the missed GBM – fill out the when2meet!
 - Go over discussion topics, and relevancy to constituency
 - Spend time actually talking about issue of bullying (mini discussion)
- Constituent Group Updates
 - News
 - Upcoming
 - CSA Rose Sale 2/13
 - Ice Skating with PPA 2/18
 - PPA GBM 2/20
- 5B Updates – Lunch with President Gutmann Agenda
 - Lambda has been talking to Council of Undergraduate Deans; making demands, but Council not listening
 - Lambda wants to discuss transparency, tax equalization, diversity action plan
 - UMOJA wants to bring up departmentalization of Center for Africana Studies, Mellon scholars
 - UMC wants to bring up a fund for international students – AIS?

- APSC – previously talked about mental health, admissions data
 - Angel suggested that we demand a message from Gutmann responding to why diversity is important, reacting to the articles Cornelius wrote questioning diversity in general
 - However, maybe this article doesn't need a response
 - Diversity action plan is being finalized without input from 5B and the schools showed up late to the meeting – request a letter from Gutmann
 - Can we request sending committees to high schools to plug Penn? (Send to schools in Asian countries that are traditionally underrepresented)
 - Also ask constituent groups for information about schools in their countries
 - Mention: This has always been important to us, which is why we always bring up things such as data disaggregation; have a list of high schools ready, potentially talk to Dean Furda about this as well
- Recap: JT Tran
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- Recap: Goals & Vision Meeting

Old Business

- Administration speakers for GBMs
 - Nair for 2/29
 - Karu, Dr. Val Caide also have been emailed; want to also email Amy Gutmann and Sam Starks (director of diversity and affirmative action)
 - South Philly students – asked for honorarium and transportation; can come in the later in the semester
- Admissions
- APSC Budget
 - \$1,000 given from APAHW to APSC
- APSC Dollars
 - People not really using it
- ARCH Renovations
- ASAM Partnership w/ Peer Institutions
 - Have Google form made – put it on the newsletter
- ASAM Wish List
 - 10-11 wishes, will publicize and send out
- APA Blogger Event
 - 3/29 is set for Sepia Mutiny and Disgrasian
 - We can provide moderator
 - Start talking funding – transportation, housing, and honorarium, ask for SPEC Conn funding
 - Begin contract process
 - Topics to discuss have been sent out
- Blog
 - Minutes have been put up, DP articles will be put up; maybe keep other topics to newsletter
- Eddie Lee – White House contacts
 - No response

- ICF Resource Guide
 - Curtis can eventually create a transition guide
- Lunch with a Senior
 - Nicky is open to keeping it to APSC or having Oracle organize it and keep it open to all seniors
 - Create a requirement – seniors who sign up have to do two lunches a semester
 - Decision: have Oracle organize it
- Newsletter
 - Send articles to Nishat!
 - 40 copies, to be left in PAACH, etc.
- PAACH Director Search
 - Alumni phone conference
 - Emailed Eva and no response
 - Committee has submitted a pick already – it's going through administration routes to decide – technically still an open process but there was a submission made
 - Send email to search committee to figure out exactly what is happening – talk to VPUL to let them know about lack of transparency and openness about the process – go through Ajay possibly
- Quaker OATs
- Ramey Ko Contacts
 - Forwarded response email to listserv
 - We should email the Penn Law professor first
- Video
 - Good number of people are interested in being in the video
 - Deadline has been established – before spring break
 - Nishat will email current presidents this week
- AAA
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- Awareness Campaign
- Social/Events Workshop
 - 25th/26th weekend – gives us 2 weeks
 - 25th – Saturday 1pm-2pm
 - Make an agenda online

New Business

- GBM Planning
 - Announcements
 - Jon: testimonials, bullying
 - Florence: dollars and rankings
 - Sangam/APSC collab: they've applied for ICF funding; PAACH cosponsor?
 - Possibly campaign
 - Constitution
 - Jeremy Lin? Perception of Asian American athletes not existing?
 - Could focus on more relevant issue

- Constituent Spotlight: PTS, Lambda, PPS, Penn Hawaii (20min)
- University Council App
- Meeting with Chuck

Reminders

- Board Gear
- Write blog entries/articles
- Banner