**Asian Pacific Student Coalition**

GBM Date: 12/4/2013

GBM Name: “Loving XX Board Unconditionally”

Meeting Called to Order: 8:18 pm

**Recap:**

* Thanks to the old board for their work
* Introduction of new board members
  + Mithin (Chair): handles internal and external administration, studying Anthropology and pre-med, has a vision for the APA community
  + Aashish (Vice Chair): he’s from Florida, studying biochem and comp sci
  + Jin (Political): sophomore, from Texas, want to give back to the Penn community
  + Sheila (Constituent Affairs): Wharton sophomore, from North Carolina, want to meet everyone in APSC individually
  + Kelly (Finance): freshman, learned so much from APSC and wants to give back
  + Victoria (External): from LA, she ran because she want to see integration of 5B groups
  + Rebekah (Comm): from LA, sophomore, want to be more involved in APA community

**Announcements:**

* ASPC Olympics
  + email has been sent out a few days ago
  + it will start at 11 and end at 1
  + mingle with other groups, mingle with the new board this coming Sunday
* APSC Dollars: ends this coming Thursday
  + continue to go to events to get $100 to spend on anything without going through our application process
  + all of the events will be in the email Sheila sends out
* Aashish: If anyone has events that needs funding -> out of funds, but reimbursements are available
  + people need to come pick it up and need to contact Aashish individually

**Discussion:**

* watched Katy Perry’s AMA performance of “Unconditionally”
* Discussion Questions:
  + What are your thoughts on the video?
  + Do you think people overreacted to the video?
  + how do you think the lyrics of the song contributed to the message of the performance?
  + If Katy Perry were Japanese American, would this performance be more acceptable?
  + If Katy Perry was dressed and had her makeup done precisely to mimic the look of present-day geishas, do you think this would be more acceptable?
  + Katy Perry says she is “obsessed with Japanese people”. Do you think this makes the performance okay in any way?
* Points brought up during discussion:
  + Very innovative, not racist at all; entertainment value, shows appreciation for another culture
  + Fine line between appreciating culture and appropriating it
  + Katy Perry saying “I’m obsessed with Japanese people” makes it “more okay” because it shows her motives for presenting a performance like this
  + beautiful performance and presentation -> no degradation of Japanese culture
  + not offended because it was well executed
* Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.