**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.