**Asian Pacific Student Coalition**

**General Body Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

**“Coming Up NeXXt...”**

**Icebreaker**

Telephone Charades

**Announcements**

* APSC XX Board Vision
  + Vision Meeting last Saturday
  + Constituents should be excited for upcoming programming events
  + Vision Meeting minutes/debrief will be sent out soon
* APSC Board in APSC Dollars
  + APSC will no longer be participating in APSC Dollars
* APSC Dollars
  + APSC Dollars is starting up
  + Refer to calendar for specific events
  + Constituent groups should continue updating the calendar with their external events
  + Last Semester’s Prizes- CSA won, will be getting money shortly
  + This semester there will be a surprise reward for the winner
  + Groups should try to rack up as many dollars as they can
* Constituent Constitutions
  + Sheila sent out email asking for constitutions
  + Most constituent groups have sent in constitution, but groups that haven’t should do so ASAP
* Constituent Board Mixers
  + Sent out a Google form for every group to fill out
  + A lot of groups have filled this out, but those that haven’t should do this in order to participate
  + Two mixers coming up soon
* APSC/PAACH Newsletter
  + Consolidation of APSC and PAACH newsletters
  + Sign up for the PAACH newsletter
  + Hopefully newsletter will continue to develop as time goes on
  + Let Shiella or Rebekah know if you want anything on there
* Iris Zhang (Sex Week)
  + Debrief
  + Penn Sex week is from 31st of march to April 4th
  + This is the second year hosting this week at Penn; needs more help with initiative
  + Great opportunity for the community to get together and have healthy discussions with sex
  + There is some value to be added to having more cultural voices and diversity
  + As constituents of APSC, ask for collaborations and pitch events
  + It should be noted that this is the same week as Festival of the Latino, Mental Health Week
  + Be a part of shaping this discourse in the future
  + Sex educator will be speaking at one of the events
  + Working with Take Back the Night and bringing in two slam poets to speak
  + UMOJA is on board
  + She will send out email to our listserv, contact her with your event ideas or her for more information
* University Council
  + Basically a council of members from several large coalitions and divisions in the university (i.e. UA, Division of Public Safety, APSC, UMOJA, etc.)
  + Space where APSC has a voice within the university
  + By next meeting we will be voting on the issue of tobacco divestment
  + Pro: it is a moral evil, millions die from it every year, research institutions like Penn shouldn’t be investing in this
  + Con: We get lots of funding that we need from this
* MSP Programming
  + April 7th
  + Multicultural Scholar’s Preview
  + About 300 scholars, couple hundred more regular students
  + These ae prefrosh students who haven’t committed to Penn yet
  + We have about 10 groups who are willing to collaborate
  + This event will most likely be pushed to noon
  + Deadline for registration was technically Feb. 1, but if groups want to participate please reach out to Mithin, or someone on APSC board
* PAACH has moved
  + ARCH Building – G22
  + Reopening ceremony tomorrow
  + The new PAACH home is really nice (lots of Maggi and other foods); we also have a TV
  + Interested individuals should apply to be PAACH Mayor. If you become mayor, you get to be Director of Snacks!
* Summer Opportunities/Internships-<http://www.upennapsc.org/summer-2014/>
  + New section on our website for internships at various APA organzations
  + Great opportunity to network with APAs around the country
  + Really great to learn more about APA issues in dynamic setting
  + Get the word out to freshman and sophomores who don’t know about these opportunities and who are looking for internships
* Funding Structure
  + Trying to alleviate problem of having money run out at the end of semester, and give smaller organizations an equal opportunity to apply for funding
  + Constituent Guaranteed Fund = Every group is guaranteed $50
  + General Body Fund = about $800; constituent groups can apply for funding from the GBF after they exhaust the initial $50
  + In order to apply for the General Body Fund, groups must submit an application and present at GBM. Then the rest of the constituency will vote on it
  + Larger pot of money is geared for external planning events
  + Smaller groups have a better chance of getting funding from APSC and can take advantage of APSC
  + Allows for more flexibility because now groups can now apply for funding over break
  + If applying for $50 or less, just send an email to APSC Board to approve
  + March 15th is the deadline to register
  + We may need to make changes to this new funding structure along the way
* Finance Workshop afterwards
  + This will happen after the GBM
* First Year Immersion
  + If you have new freshman board members, please let them know about this program
  + First meeting will be next Wednesday
  + There were over 20 people in this program last year; great feedback from participants
  + Email Aashish if interested in being a part of the program this semester
* PPS Trailer  - These Birds Can Walk - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaLSrOvHo_Q>
  + Best independent film to come out of Pakistan in a long time
  + Free screening of this tomorrow at 6 pm in G06 Huntsman
  + Please help them spread the word
* Calendar of Annual Constituent Events
  + Keep track of who is doing what
  + Please fill out the document if you haven’t
  + This will be used to promote group collaborations and to have more mixers in the future