**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