



AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

January 17th 2025, Friday, 2-3pm

Attendance: Suejung Han, Lawrence Lair, Lin Lin, Laura Finan, Eva Harrison, Xiaoying Zhao, Julie Mana-ay Perez, Shengtian Wu, Jeongae Kang, Rosie Hauck, Mayuko Nakamura, Jin Park

1. [10/8/24 Meeting minutes](#) approved
2. Welcome Back!
3. Newsletter items (Community Engagement committee)
 - a. Relevant on-campus events
 - b. Relevant community events
 - c. Member kudos
 - i. Asking for nominations. Send names to Julie
 - d. Member highlights
4. A request from OIE

“Every semester we host the International Faculty Cafe to bring international faculty together to mingle and share experiences. I have been tasked with arranging activities again and asked to reach out to AsiaConnect for suggestions on an April 30th (3:00 - 4:30pm) event that highlights Asian heritage. Some ideas we threw around were a language or calligraphy workshop, a hands-on art or craft workshop (ex: washi, fan painting, mask painting, something along those lines), or a body movement workshop (ex: yoga or Tai chi).”

 - a. Open call for volunteers:
 - i. Mayuko volunteering for origami or floral arrangements
 - ii. LinLin volunteers for brush painting (please check with schedule conflicts with her classes)
 1. LinLin’s mom is a TaiChi instructor and can volunteer
 - iii. Julie will be doing Filipino paper crafts demo April 3 for a separate event but can volunteer for Asian Heritage week as well
5. February 8 Art Station is doing an Asian Cultural event that is looking for volunteers
6. Lunar New Year Event (Program/Social Committee)
 - a. Dates/locations

- i. 1/29 4-7pm DEG 551
- ii. 1/30 4-7pm Office of International Engagement lobby or Multicultural Center
 - 1. We will request Multicultural Center. If it is already booked, we will request OIE.
- b. Marketing
 - i. Suejung will send text content to Lawrence by morning of 1/21 to make graphics, news post, social media event, and office copy flyers.
- c. Foods
 - i. Suejung will review food policies to see about bringing homemade food
 - <https://policy.illinoisstate.edu/health-safety/ehs/5-3-11/>
 - 1. Suejung will send out a signup sheet for people to bring food
 - ii. Cultural dishes by board members with descriptions of their cultural meanings and/or recipes/ingredients
 - iii. Catering suggestions
- d. Activities
 - i. Games
 - 1. Lawrence can bring and teach Steam Up board game
 - 2. Shengtian can bring and teach Mahjong
 - 3. Rosie will bring Mancala
 - 4. Suejung and Shengtian will bring Squid Game Korean games left over from previous years
 - ii. Crafts
 - 1. LinLin can bring snake template paper cutting projects
- e. Cultural education
 - i. Flyers
 - 1. Can be information on the Year of the Snake
 - a. Suejung will send content for Lawrence to design.
 - ii. Posters
 - 1. 1 print poster (24x36") about lunar new year zodiac
 - a. Lawrence can design, LinLin will send info to Suejung to edit and send to Lawrence
 - i. Job will be started with University Marketing and Communications and Printing Services (charges apply)
- f. Miscellaneous prep items
 - i. Sign up sheets
 - ii. Picture taking...
- g. Do we want to work with students?
- h. Helps needed (set up, clean up, food pick up, etc.)

7. Asian Heritage Week event planning (ALL)

- a. Dates/locations
 - i. April 24, 25, & 26 (Th-Sat)? **April 10-12 (Th-St)?**

- ii. Could do May 1-3 to coincide with OIE, but it coincides with finals
 - b. (Tabled) Previous 'popular' events: mostly cultural celebrations
 - 1. Cooking demo
 - a. Asian wraps (spring rolls, wonton, dumplings..?)
 - 2. Dance/ Martial arts demonstration
 - a. Indian dance
 - b. Filipino dance
 - c. Chinese martial arts
 - 3. Tea demonstration
 - 4. Calligraphy demo, origami demo, other crafts
 - 5. Movie showing followed by a panel discussion
 - ii. Any other ideas
 - 1. Types of events
 - a. EDI related panel, speaker, movie, or...? (EDI committee)
 - 2. Community organizations to work with?
8. Need assessment for types of events or others from the members:
- a. Program/EDI committee?