



AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Members Present: Suejung Han, Rosie Hauck, Xiaoying Zhao, Mayuko Nakamura, Laura Finan, Chang Su-Russell,

1. Committee assignments & duty descriptions

i. Review of General Descriptions. Please let eBoard know of any suggestions or needs assessment.

1. Partner with student groups?

- a. We have done this historically, but need to find ways to collaborate more with students
- b. AsiaConnect can serve as mentor to students
- c. Do we want to open our monthly events to students? Yes. [List of cultural/ethnic student groups at ISU](#)
- d. eBoard and Programming team will work on this

2. Campus and Committee Outreach

- a. Monthly or quarterly newsletter to update on Asian Connect happenings, upcoming events, judos, member highlight section
- b. Look for and attend cultural events on and off campus (eg BN Welcoming event)
- c. Kudo items?
 - i. Example: Receiving grants, award recognition, certifications
 - ii. Suejung will send out AsiaConnect email to members for submissions
 - iii. Not today. Will start in Nov Newsletter

3. EDI Committee

- a. Bookclub? We have books from Miranda
- b. Different types of monthly events
- c. Hosting two, one each semester.
 - i. Celebrating different cultures (eg poetry, henna, etc)
 - ii. EDI events: eg presentation on mental health issues

2. The monthly events calendar for 2024-2025

- i. Revisit our mission and purpose for the monthly events
 - 1. Social/belonging
 - 2. Empowerment--cultural validation/celebration
 - 3. Empowerment—address EDI issues, competence, etc.
 - ii. Fall events
 - 1. August: Welcome Back picnic
 - 2. September: None (Constitution change)
 - 3. October: **Diwali (Festival of Joy)**
 - a. **Tentative date: 10/30, 10/31 or 11/1**
 - i. **Wed, 10/30 from 4-6p**
 - b. **Tentative location: International Engagement office lobby (Suejung will confirm with Roopa; also check on lighting rules for the building)**
 - c. **Engage student groups to assist with lamp lighting activity, foods, and educational material (Laura)**
 - d. **Consulting partners: Roopa, Archana**
 - e. **Foods and activities: TBD with the PSC**
 - 4. November: EDI panel/presentation for APAC
 - a. Tentative date: Before the Thanksgiving break
 - b. Tentative presenters: Mr. Kevin Jeong
 - c. Topic and format: TBD with the PSC and EDI
 - d. Suggestion to do a panel on holistic career devt, intergenerational issues, challenges, initiatives
 - i. Reach out to students to find out what they are interested in: quick check in and needs assessment from the students, Multicultural Center has a GA assigned to APAC
 - ii. eBoard will work with EDI committee
 - iii. Spring events
 - 1. January: Presentation by AsiaConnect scholarship recipients (or March)
 - 2. February: Lunar's New Year Event
 - 3. March : None (Prep for Asian Heritage month)
 - 4. April: Asian Heritage Month week-long event
 - 5. (May) tentative
 - iv. Questions/Ideas
 - a. Check other holidays?
 - b. How to advertise/recruit for better turnout?
3. Tasks at hand
- i. PSC: Diwali event preparation and execution
 - 1. Determine the date and finalize the location with the OIE
 - 2. Plan activities and foods
 - 3. Create advertisement material and share with the Eboard for the Newsletter

- a. Suejung will put together newsletter right after the Diwali event is set for eBoard approval then
- ii. CCOC: Kudo and Member highlights preparation for the November Newsletter
 - 1. Create a survey for collecting member highlight information
 - 2. Collect kudos from members and campus/community news
 - 3. Create a survey for member needs assessment
- iii. EDI:
 - 1. Plan and prepare for the November EDI panel event
 - 2. Create an EDI-item for November Newsletter