



# ASIACONNECT

*Illinois State University*

## AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Members Present:

- Lawrence Lair       Eva Harrison       Suejung Han       Rosie Hauck  
 Chang Su-Russell

### Agenda Items

1. DiverCity event 9/15: Chang, Eva, and Suejung; Miranda and the Taiwanese Student Association
  2. Kevin Jeong recruitment help
  3. Multicultural Center Open House participation 9/27 (tentative)
  4. 9/18 amendment vote closes + 9/25 finalize the committee assignments
  5. 'Monthly' meeting
  6. Committee duties
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1. DiverCity Event
    - DiverCity event 9/15: Chang, Eva, and Suejung; Miranda and the Taiwanese Student Association
  2. Kevin Jeong recruitment help
    - Will send the info to the membership to recruit potential candidates and invite them to reach out to Kevin
    - Any other ideas?
      - Loop in Strzepek, Katy [kastrze@ilstu.edu](mailto:kastrze@ilstu.edu) at Civic Engagement
    - Potential university wide career fair idea with the multicultural center and other offices on campus for the spring – will discuss with Christa
  3. Multicultural Center Homecoming Open House participation 9/27 (tentative)
    - Lack of AAPI student alumni association – potential future collaboration
      - Christa would possibly like AsiaConnect to table at the Open House if APAC declines
        - Looking for volunteers if we are asked
  4. 9/18 amendment vote closes + 9/25 finalize the committee assignments
    - Will create a working document detailing duties and report timelines
      - When vote closes, Suejung will send the documents for archiving with Lawrence
  5. 'Monthly' meeting/events
    - Lunar New Year in February, maybe also identify other Asian holidays
      - No event in December for winter holidays OR March to prepare for Asian Heritage Week
        - Suejung will reach out to Archana Shekara, Roopa Rawjee, and Anmol Shrivastava
        - Reserve Multicultural Center soon? (Oct 29-Nov 1)

- Revisit our mission and purpose—what are the purposes of these events?
  - Less often but more impactful events that serve: Social/belonging, empowerment—cultural validation/celebration, empowerment—address EDI issues, competence, etc.
  - Ask APAC if they want to get more involved.
    - Ask Julie Mana-Ay Perez if she would be willing to be a liaison
    - Could invite their board members to an e-board meeting
- Revisit the current meetings with potential future plans
  - Fall
    - August: Welcome Back picnic (purposes 1 & 2)
    - September
      - a. Schedule a meeting with APAC and Kevin Jeong to introduce and collaborate
        - i. Kevin Jeong could also be introduced as a mentor or role model for APAC
    - October
      - a. Do something social with APAC, will know more after meeting?
      - b. Diwali end of October? Maybe deputize an Indian AC member to help with the event
    - November
      - a. EDI professional development?
        - i. A collab with State of Illinois (Kevin Jeong), APAC and Career Services
  - Spring
    - February:
      - a. Lunar's New Year Event (purposes 1&2)
    - April:
      - a. Asian Heritage Month week-long event

#### 6. Committee duties

- EDI committee Chair: Suejung will reach out to Mayuko
- Reach out to Vivian Kong Doctora for collaboration
  - She is a real estate agent, owns Bao Destination, partner in Kobe restaurant, former APAC president,

#### 7. Monthly newsletter (CCO) (TABLED DISCUSSION TO BE TALKED ABOUT NEXT MEETING)

- Our tasks/accomplishments/events (Eboard)
- Member highlight (CCO)
- Member accomplishments- multiple
- Collect the news from the members and also from the university news
  - Request kudos from the members

- (b) Member highlight—a bit more detailed interview/story about our members
    - Survey
- (Other celebrations?
  - E.g., TY on retirement
- (Modalities:
  - President monthly email
  - Social Media Update (CCO)