

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Planning Group

Monday, October 17, 2022 14:30-16:00 Meeting #4 Minutes

Present: Shinta Hernandez, Geraldine Papillero, Vedham Karpakakunjaram, Sharmini Azeez, Huong Nguyen, Miho Shimizu, Bo Chan, Vathany Say, Ellen Olmstead, and Nghi Nguyen

Guest: -

Definition

- Native American Pacific Islanders—The term 'Native American Pacific Islander' means any descendant of the aboriginal people of any island in the Pacific Ocean that is a territory or possession of the United States.
- "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" includes Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Guamanian or Chamorro, Fijian, Tongan, or Marshallese peoples and encompasses the people within the United States jurisdictions of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

Sharon Wilder, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer, Equity and Inclusion

- PACEI Chair
- Love to work and support us
- Inviting Sharon to our next meeting (either November or December)

Name Change

- Moving forward from October 17, name change to Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions "Planning Group" instead of "Taskforce/Committee"
- Work with Sharon Wilder to get President's approval to become a Taskforce

Grant

- Review email sent by Shinta with conversation from Dr. Brandy Naughton, Grants Office
- Gather data on what we need

- What we want to pursue with the data
- What kind of program(s) do want to focus on?
- NOVA won AANPISI grant
- Ellen Olmstead will reach out to Howard Community, her contact to see if they are doing anywhere with the grant

AANAPISI Week – Recaps

- AANAPI Student Club Rush
 - Thanh, Kaylin, Nghi, Shinta attended
 - 32 students signed up
 - Kick-off meeting was Friday, 10/17
 - Second meeting this Friday, 10/21
- Virtual Open House
 - Well-attended: 40 people total
 - Engaging and informative with great suggestions on how we can move the work forward
 - Dr. Sanjay Rai provided remarks at the beginning of the first open house, stating he is there ready to provide support for the work.
- Board of Trustees
 - Shinta provided information on the events held during National AANAPISI Week, plus the efforts of the AANAPISI Committee/Taskforce.
 - We will work with PACEI to garner executive leadership support so that we have the resources to maximize impact on students and employees.

AANAPI Event

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event
 - o Rockville Campus
 - Tentative date: Wednesday, April 26, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
 - o Presentations, Poster Boards, Food, Music
 - Contact Nghi if you want to be part of the event
- Have workshops and events to highlight the Asian/Pacific Islander cultures
- Monthly email with information on a specific country
- Explore ways to increase AANAPI cultures awareness
- International Day on Rockville Campus, Student Life (October or November) (if it's still happening)
- Lunar New Year event in February 2023

Next Meeting

- Monday, November 21, 14:30-16:00
- Research grants out there focusing on AANAPI population outside of Department of Education