

API Celebratory Graduation | Student Advisory Board Description

Description:

The Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives (OAMI) and the Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs (MESA) are seeking diligent, well-connected, and committed students to serve on the University of Michigan's first API Celebratory's advisory board. Members will work to make the inaugural event characterized by the values of ***inclusivity, solidarity, and recognition*** as it applies to the API diaspora on campus. While upholding the community's best interests in mind, the Student Advisory Board

Our identities, experiences, and communities are the foundation of our lived realities. Given the vast categories integrated within being API, the Student Advisory Board would benefit from inclusion through representation of these lenses*:

- International, Asian-American, mixed race, mixed intra-Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asian, East Asian, child of immigrants
- Adoptee, first-generation college student, LGBTQ+, non-traditional/transfer students
- In-state & out-of-state, undergraduate & graduate student, various academic units etc.

*this is not meant to serve as an exhaustive list

Responsibilities:

- Attend the supermajority of planning meetings (February through April)
- Create a theme, program, itinerary, and artwork for the API Celebratory
- Shape the structure and function of open townhall dialogues, meant to receive campus-wide critiques, ideas, and responses
- Secure and coordinate the registration, keynote speaker, and various special guests day-of
- Produce all related media for the event with the support of MESA & OAMI
- Execute outreach to various academic units, student organizations, faculty, and campus groups
- Maintain timely communication throughout the semester

Time Commitment:

- Up to 1-2 hours per week in evening meeting sessions; 0-2 hours a week completing action items related to prior programming, community outreach, and marketing

Benefits of Joining:

- Proclamation and influence in future API student initiatives
- Develop a community within a team setting
- Gain event-planning skills, knowledge, and practice through immersion
- Build relationships with API students, faculty, and staff

Preferred qualifications:

- Any undergraduate or graduate class year
- Previous experience with cultural programming and event coordination
- Availability and commitment to attend the event (**Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at 2-4PM**)
- Understanding of dynamics of API communities, networks, and populations at U of M

Application process:

- Interested students will be asked to fill out our online survey before our **first meeting date**, which is **February 8th, 2018 at 7:00-8:30PM at the OAMI office** (3rd floor of the Student Activities Building)
- As this year's celebration will serve as the first event of its kind, flexibility in overall structure and commitment to communication are especially appreciated

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