

VIRGINA TECH
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION
Strength Through Unity

2008 – 2009 Election Information Package

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Asian American Student Union is to serve the Asian/Pacific Islander American (APIA) community within Virginia Tech. It shall act as an umbrella organization over the branching undergraduate APIA organizations. It shall strive to enhance and further the individual cultural and ethnic diversities that exist in the APIA community. It shall make efforts to address the problems and concerns of the APIA community to the Administration and other fellow student organizations.
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ORGANIZATIONS UNDER AASU:

alpha Kappa Delta Phi ($\alpha\kappa\Delta\Phi$)
Chinese American Society (CAS)
Filipino American Student Association (FASA)
Korean American Student Association (KASA)
Kurabu-Nippon (JCA)
Lambda Phi Epsilon ($\Lambda\Phi E$)
Sigma Beta Rho (ΣBP)
Sigma Psi Zeta ($\Sigma\Psi Z$)
Society of Indian Americans (SIA)
Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

AASU EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008 – 2009:

President: Richard Umemoto
Vice President: Qi Bin Li
Secretary: Yoori Cho
Communications Secretary: Shuo Ren
Public Relations: Kassie Wang
Events Coordinator: Kelly Tom
Show Coordinator: Lillian Kuo
Education and Advocacy Chair: Richmond Hwang
SGA Representative: Jeff Chuang

AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR THE 2009 – 2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

<p align="center">President</p> <p><i>(must have served at least one full semester and have full voting rights as an organizational representative and/or be an executive officer to the AASU currently or at least one year prior)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Preside over meetings and delegate proper authority and responsibilities to members -Serve as a representative for external affairs 	<p align="center">Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assist the President -Perform the President's duties if he/she is unable to do so -Fulfill a vacant office if needed -Serve as the Student Budget Board representative or appoint a replacement -Head the budget planning committee
<p align="center">Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep records and minutes of all AASU meetings -In charge of AASU list-serv -Keep AASU constitution updated -Inform members of events and announcements electronically -Work with the communications secretary on a monthly newsletter 	<p align="center">Communications Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain the AASU website in a timely fashion -Keep visual records of AASU events (ex: through website and scrapbook) -Serve as Election Chair - Work with the secretary on a monthly newsletter
<p align="center">Events Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Recommend and organize events (Fall/Spring Mixer, Fundraisers) -Cover all technical aspects of the events -Work with the AASU Advisor to negotiate performer contracts -Help plan AASU budget 	<p align="center">Show Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organize shows that exemplify AASU's mission (i.e. Culture Show, Spring Concert.) -Work with the AASU Advisor to negotiate performer contracts -Help plan AASU budget
<p align="center">Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Publicize events that project AASU's mission -Design banners and flyers for all AASU sponsored events -Serve as PR Committee Chair -In charge of AASU publicizing property (i.e. A-Frames) -Help plan AASU budget 	<p align="center">Education & Advocacy Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep up-to-date on issues that are relative to the Asian and Asian American community -Suggest programs that are parallel to AASU's mission of educating the community on sensitive matters - Promote, initiate, and engage in APIA issues, experiences, concerns, education, and curriculum - Coordinate AASU educational programs - Serve on APAHM Committee - Serve as AASU Ambassador to Virginia Tech cultural administrative bodies
<p align="center">SGA Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Represent AASU's views at SGA meetings Inform members of current SGA issues 	

Candidate Requirements and Expectations

- 1) Actively involved with an organization in the Asian American Student Union.
- 2) Follow through the entire election process as planned.
- 3) Raise concerns and questions when necessary.
- 4) Must not be in high position offices (i.e. President or Vice-President) for any other organizations in the upcoming year.
- 5) Complete an application and petition.

Election Process

Tuesday – April 14

Formal Information Session
Room: Squires Multicultural Center
Time: 7:30pm

Wednesday – April 15

Formal Information Session
Room: Squires Student Center Room 238
Time: 7:30pm

Sunday – April 19

Application and petition are due in the AASU office
(Squires 308) by midnight

Tuesday – April 21

Elections
Room: Brush Mountain B, Squires
Time: 8:30pm

Officer Requirements and Expectations

- 1) Understand and exemplify the principles of AASU mission.
- 2) Attend meetings and all AASU events through out the year.
- 3) Abide by the AASU Constitution at all times.
- 4) Represent the Asian American community on campus.
- 5) Be in good standing with the University.
- 6) Be the chairs of committees when needed.
- 7) Vote at elections if all voting requirements are met.
- 8) Be mentors to future E-board officers.
- 9) Be a member in at least one organization in the AASU.

Contacts

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ELECTION APPLICATION

Asian American Student Union (AASU)

Name:

Position applying for:

Member of Organization(s) in AASU:

Current/previous office's held and for which organizations:

Major:

Expected Graduation: Spring / Fall 2010 / 2011 / 2012

1. In your own words, what does AASU mean to you?

2. Why are you interested in running for this position?

3. Do you have any previous Leadership experiences? Explain.

4. What will you be involved with this upcoming year besides AASU?

5. How do you plan to accomplish AASU's mission?
