

Asian American Affairs Commission of Nebraska

Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/04/2024

Time: 3:05 PM – 5:05 PM

Location: University of Nebraska at Omaha, Eppley Administration Building,
Room 200 (Chancellor's Conference Room)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

All commissioners were present except Carol Wang.

Commissioners Present:

- Ryo Suzuki
- Carolina Mapes
- Deepak Gangahar
- Hiep Vu
- Maorong Jiang
- Maureen Brase
- Rebecca (Jueyezi) Reinhardt
- Weyssan Dun
- Vicki Sakurada Schaepler
- Joanne Li
- Arunkumar Pondicherry
- Yunwoo Nam, PhD
- Tram Kieu

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Mapes and seconded by Commissioner Li to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion with Students

Dat Chi Nguyen, Tomohiro Ide, and Jaisy Kumar from UNO joined to share their experiences. There was a lively discussion around employment opportunities and creating a community. Concerns about isolation during the holiday season were highlighted, as well as the economic impact made by international students.

6. Bylaws Discussion

The board reviewed the bylaws and made a few suggestions. The Executive Committee will work on finalizing them.

6.a. Elections of Officer Roles

- Dun was elected to be Vice Chair.
- Brase was elected to be Secretary.
- Pondicherry was elected to be Treasurer.

7. Executive Director

There was a discussion on the qualifications to ensure they match state statutes. The Executive Committee will work with the AG's office for compliance.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Li and seconded by Commissioner Shaepler.