

## Alumnae Student Relations Committee- Report October 2014.

*Mission:* The ASR committee sponsors programs which help create a positive relationship between students and the Alumnae Association. This ongoing relationship encourages students to become supportive and active members of the AAMC when they become alumnae .

*Meeting dates September 3, 2014.*

*Committee Members:* Chair - Viji Nakka- Cammauf. Lynda Campfield, Lillian Sahagun, Michelle Balovich, Cynthia Gevara , Latasha Warmesley, Rose Lopez , and Bev Curwen.

Past events: **Finals Snacks.** May 13, 2014. We assembled 200 bags of goodies and distributed them to students during the finals week at the student union. We greeted the students and shared tips on how to survive finals and wished them well. There was a line at the student union even before we could open the doors. A number of them expressed their gratitude and said that this was a greatly anticipated event. Several of the ASR Committee members were on hand to help assemble, distribute and greet students. The ASR Committee members generously donated tea bags, chocolates and shared in the cost of the snacks.

Total number of attendees : 210 spread out over two days .

Participants included students BOG and, ASR committee members.

Total cost for the event: \$231.12

Cost to ASR Committee: \$115.56

**Taco Tuesday,** August 26, 2014. We had a great turn out of students ,AR staff, and BOG and ASR committee members. The decorations set a festive mood for the celebration, Food was prepared by the caterer from the previous year and we kept costs down. Board and ASR Committee members shared introduced themselves and shared their wishes with the students. We had great conversations with the incoming students as they shared their dreams and aspirations for their time at Mills. We concluded with the highly anticipated raffle . We had several generous raffle donations from the ASR Committee members along with desserts and chocolates.

Total number of attendees: 200

Participants included students, AR staff, BOG and ASR Committee members .

Total cost: \$3000

Cost to ASR Committee: \$1500.

***Planning / brainstorming meeting with Provost Kimberly Phillips, Magie Hunter and international faculty*** , September 3, 2014.

We shared our ideas of what would be necessary to make Mills a welcoming place for International students. Faculty offered to advise students and travel to countries to speak to and recruit international students. Suggestions were offered to create more opportunities for Mills to host an international film festival and invite international figures to speak and dialogue with students about international affairs.

***Fall welcome dinner for International faculty and students***, October 1, 2014 .

There was a lot of enthusiasm and interest from International faculty in planning this dinner. We had a great turn out of faculty, College administrators , and international students . The evening began with live jazz music . Students, faculty, BOG and ASR Committee members mingled with each other while partaking of Indian and Chinese appetizers. We had a delicious Chinese buffet. Desserts were provided by ASR Committee members. A large number of tea bags and chocolates were donated by Bev Curwen of the ASR Committee . During the evening students shared about their first impressions of the US and experiences at Mills. Faculty spoke about the number of years they had been at Mills and shared highlights. Professors Chiuhung Chen and Brinda Mehta who were instrumental in the planning of the event were appreciated. Chiuhung was gifted with a gold eucalyptus pin and Brinda with an orchid plant. All faculty and students were given gifts. Everyone had a wonderful time together.

Total number of attendees: 42. 18 students, 10 BOG and ASR Committee members, 12 Faculty and 2 College administrators.

Cost for the event : \$434.57

We are very grateful to the Provost office for two gifts of \$250 towards this dinner.

Upcoming events : Winter Celebration for graduates , December 3, 2014.

Finals Snack : TBD

Very special thanks to members of the ASR committee who work tirelessly at each of these events . Their generosity , genuine interest in the students , and welcoming spirit make these events enjoyable and memorable .

