

# ASR Committee Update

2/1/23

## Mission:

The Alumnae Student Relations Committee (ASR) sponsors programs, which help create a positive relationship between students and the Alumnae Association.

**Members:** Michelle Balavich, Kristen Oliver, Melissa Barkay, Kelsey Lindquist, Latasha Warmasley, Bev Curwen, Miki Hong, Angela Adams DeMoss, Ari Wolf, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, and Joyce Yee.

**ASR Spring Semester Team Meeting: Friday, January 20, 6pm RAH**

## Discussion & Decisions:

- Supporting a Spring Conference for Mills Students (Angela)
  - The open window for the Spring conference registration has closed. Mills students submitted abstracts. None were accepted.
  - **Decision:** Resume discussion in the Fall regarding 2023-24 conferences.
- Supporting the Doula Program (LaTasha)
  - The Doula Program is taught by an outside company with no connections to the college.
  - The cost is \$9,000.
  - There are no discounts, no guarantees from NU to support the program, no job connections for Doulas (only mid-wives)
  - SF General Hospital offers a doula program at no cost.
  - If the program takes place on campus, the college pays for the overhead, space and student tuition.
  - There have been no requests from students for this program.
  - **Decision:** ASR committee votes to not support the program at this time. LaTasha will respond to Vala Burnett directly.
- Housing and Food Insecurities Sub-Committee: To tackle housing and food insecurity as well as medical transportation needs. How do Alums partner? (Ari and Angela)
  - The Pantry duplicates current services provided by the City of Oakland.
  - It's difficult to get a sense of what the students' needs are on campus. Food trucks with free food for all students and extended hours at the Tea Shop / Founders have helped.
  - Housing/Food insecurities came to a head during the Covid lockdown.
  - Last semester, the Pantry posted on Instagram: "Keep the Pantry Open, Apply for a Job!"
  - **Decision:** Ari will follow up with Chantal and see the Pantry in person. Ari will report back to ASR.

**Highlight:**

- **1/25: International Tea** in collaboration with NE's Global Experience staff and Martha Levin's office. Approximately 30 students along with a few Mills continuing students attended.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **February:** Career Networking Event in collaboration with Ines Barbosa, VP of Student Life, Learning & Career Design

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