AAFSA Board Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2020  
via Zoom

Present: Hitesh Vora (President), Udaya Desilva, Ravi Jadeja, Fery Suryadi, Vivian Wang, Yi-Ying Crawford, Marcia Sun, Hui-Fen Chang

1. Dr. Vora called the meeting to order at 11:07AM

2. AAFSA office position vacancies  
   Due to COVID-19 pandemic call for nominations has been delayed. Current officers will stay on with their roles and obligations of the office until new officers being elected in 2021.

3. Events and activates  
   a. The annual AAFSA fall picnic has been cancelled due to COVID for the safety and health of everyone.
   b. Speaker lunch-and-learn event  
      i. Speaker event will be hosted virtually due to COVID. Dr. Desilva made a good point on the advantage of going virtual in creating the possibilities of recruiting speakers outside OSU and even internationally.
      ii. The group brainstormed potential topics and speakers, including:  
          1. Mental health and coping during COVID-19. The former OSU VP of Student Affairs Dr. Lee Bird was named a great speaker on this subject.
          2. ITLE would be an option when it comes to the topic on teaching and learning during COVID-19
          3. The impact of Immigration on faculty/staff/student recruitment and retention. Regina Henry in International Students and Scholars was named a great speaker on the topic on immigration.
   III. Dr. Vora suggested all topics discussed could potentially be developed into a series of speaker events. All agreed to begin with the topic on mental health. Dr. Wang will contact Dr. Lee Bird for her availability to speak.

4. Communication  
   a. Due to COVID communication will be primarily online via email, Zoom or Microsoft Teams

5. The meeting adjourned at 11:43am

Respectfully submitted,

Hui-Fen Chang  
Treasurer, AAFSA