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MESSAGE FROM AAFSA PRESIDENT

Dear AAFSA Faculty and Staff,

Welcome! Happy Fall!

It is indeed an honor to serve you as the President of the AAFSA for 2018! I would like to thank Dr. Junpeng Deng, our previous AAFSA president and the entire Executive Board for their great job in serving Asian community at OSU. Special thanks to Ms. Quyen Nguyen, our previous liaison to Office of Multicultural Affairs for her dedicated service to this organization.

It is with great pleasure, please join me in welcoming our new officers. Dr. Ravi Jadeja will be our Vice President, Mr. Lawrence Richardson will be our new secretary, and Ms. Marcia Sun is our new liaison to Office of Multicultural Affairs.

We will continue to serve you and look forward to a successful year. In this issue, you will find AAFSA information and its activities. As you all know, AAFSA is a nonprofit organization and your financial contributions would allow us to make many social and academic activities possible. I encourage you to continue your support of our organization and maintaining its viability by being a sustaining member ($10 per year), and to encourage other colleagues to join AAFSA. Please visit and familiarize yourself with our website (https://aafsa.okstate.edu/).

As we did in the past, we will have a fall picnic gathering sometime in September or early October. Also, we have a seminar by Dr. Kluver on September 06.

Finally, in this issue, I would like to draw your attention to “Members in News” and “Promotion and Re-appointment” to see many outstanding accomplishments from our Asian faculty and staff at OSU in research, teaching and service, which are truly remarkable and encouraging. I wish you all a great fall semester and looking forward to seeing you in our future activities!

Babu Fathepure
President, AAFSA
AAFSA OFFICERS

President: Dr. Babu Fathepure
Vice President: Dr. Ravi Jadeja
Treasurer: Dr. Hui-Fen Chang
Secretary: Mr. Lawrence Richardson
Web Chair: Fery Suryadi
Executive Committee Members: Dr. Udaya Desilva
Liaison: Marcia Sun
Board Members: Dr. Junpeng Deng, Dr. Ellie Nguyen and Dr. Vivian Wang
About AAFSA
Please visit our website at: https://aafsa.okstate.edu/

MISSION
1. Promote fellowship among OSU faculty and staff of Asian origin.
2. Engage in cultural and social activities as deemed appropriate by the membership.
3. Liaise with other cultural/civic/ethnic/international organizations within OSU to promote or collaborate on common activities.
4. Serve as a liaison between OSU administration and faculty and staff of Asian origin.
5. Serve as a liaison between the Stillwater and broader Oklahoma community and OSU faculty and staff of Asian origin.

MEMBERSHIP
ELIGIBILITY
1. Membership is open to OSU faculty and staff who are of Asian origin (American citizenship is not a requirement).
2. Individuals not of Asian origin may also seek membership upon payment of membership dues; however, they may not hold voting privileges.

DUES
1. Annual membership dues are $10.00. Dues are payable at the first meeting of the fall term and good for a full year or twelve months. Those individuals who join after the initial pay period will enjoy membership status until the next annual dues payment date.
2. Only paid members are entitled to vote.
3. Membership dues are not refundable.

Please send your dues to Dr. Hui-Fen Chang(Campus Mail: 306 Edmon Low Library).
**Account Summary**

Detail of our account balance during 01-01-2017 through 05-31-2018

Beginning Balance: $443.52

Income: $247.00

Expenditure: $74.35 (Fall Pot Luck)

Ending Balance: $606.17
**Fall 2017 Activities**

Fall 2017 Picnic day

Thursday, October 21, 2017
Location: Boomer Lake Shelter 5
Members in News


Dr. Joe. Cecil, Computer Science: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Investigation of impact of virtual reality based cyber learning approaches to ABA techniques for teaching STEM concepts to children with autism

Dr. Babu Fathepure, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Pretreatment of switchgrass by fungi-bacteria co-culture for effective saccharification and butanol production

Dr. Ramanjulu Sunkar, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Elucidating the role of microRNAs in photosynthesis by using closely related C3, C3-C4, and C4 Flaveria species

Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Animal and Food Sciences: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Novel nitrite embedded packaging to increase value of dark-cutting beef

Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Animal and Food Sciences: Congratulation on a grant from USDA/AFRI. Seahorse XFp Oxygen analyzer to enhance mitochondrial research capabilities in meat quality studies

Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Animal and Food Sciences: North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), Young Educator Award

Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Animal and Food Sciences: American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Southern Section, Outstanding Young Animal Scientist – Researcher

Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Animal and Food Sciences: Alpha-Zeta Award for Outstanding College Agriculture and Natural Resources Teacher, Oklahoma State University

Dr. James Manimala, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Acoustic metastructures for next generation aircraft liners

Dr. Marimuthu Andiappan: Chemical Engineering: Congratulation on a grant from OCAST: Copper nanocatalyst as efficient heterogeneous photocatalyst for continuous syntheses of pharmaceuticals through cross-coupling reactions

Mr. Lawrence Richardson, and two other counselor educators, Career Services: Congratulation on Peer-reviewed publication: Relational-cultural theory: A social justice perspective of career development.

Dr. Udaya DeSilva: Animal and Food Sciences: Faculty Council Vice Chair

Dr. Gopal Kakani, Plant and Soil Science: Faculty Council Multicultural Representative

Dr. Subhash Kak, Electrical and Computer Engineering: Faculty Council Member

Dr. Ramesh Kaipa, Communication Sciences and Disorders: Faculty Council Member
**Promotion and Re-appointment**

**Liuling Yan**, reappointment to the Dillon & Lois Hodges Professorship in Plant and Soil Sciences, Plant and Soil Sciences.

**Lin Liu**, reappointment to the Lundberg-Keinlen Chair, Physiological Sciences.

**Jun Zhang**, appointment to the Ed Keller Fellowship, Finance.

**Ramanjulu Sunkar**, appointment to the Neustadt-Sarkeys Distinguished Professorship, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.


**Yanqi Wu**, reappointment to the Meibergen Family Professorship, Plant and Soil Sciences.

**An Cheng**, promotion from associate professor to professor, English.

**Joe Cecil**, promotion from associate professor to professor, Computer Sciences.

**Li Miao**, promotion from associate professor to professor, Hospitality and Tourism Management.

**Qin Emma Wang**, promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, Finance.

**Ramesh Kaipa**, promotion from assistant professor to associate professor and appointment as department head, Communication Sciences and Disorders.

**Ranjith Ramanathan**, promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, Animal and Food Sciences.

**Sadagopan Krishnan**, promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, Chemistry.

**Ye Liang**, promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, Statistics.

**Bo Zhang**, reappointment as assistant professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture.

**Charles Chen**, reappointment as assistant professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

**Qing Luo**, reappointment as assistant professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture.
Asian Stores and Restaurants

Stores
- Crepe Myrtle Market, 613 S Lewis; 405-372-2200
- Overseas Supermarket, 405 S Washington; 405-372-9595
- Himalayan Grocery Store, 125 S Main St. Stillwater, OK, 7407; 405-707-0423
- Super Cao Nguyen, 2668 N Military Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73106; 405-525-7650

Restaurants
- Café 88, 209 S Knoblock St; 405-624-8888
- Golden Dragon Café, 203 S Perkins Rd; 405-707-9292
- Happy Moon Asian Grill, 917 N Perkins Rd; 405-371-8881
- Kyoto Japanese Restaurant, 2021 N Boomer Rd; 405-377-8168
- New China Super Buffet, 711 N Main; 405-742-1688
- New Thai Café, 502 S Husband; 405-372-7100
- Happy Buddha, 1915 N Boomer Rd; 405-743-2828
Pledge card

I am pleased to support

Asian American Faculty & Staff Association at OSU
(An Organization Representing over 300 Asian Families in Stillwater)

_ YES

1. I pledge $____ to support the AAFSA activities on promoting Asian cultural and social activities in Stillwater and providing scholarships to outstanding OSU students for academic excellence and active involvement in Asian community services.

   For 1-year advertisement in the bi-annual AAFSA newsletter, ☐$100 Half page; ☐$150 Full page.

   I understand that my business will be listed as a sponsor and invited to the AAFSA activities to showcase or sell our products.

NAME:______________________________________________________________

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Please make your check payable to AAFSA and mail your check to Mrs. Lingjin Xiang, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Oklahoma State University, 246 NRC, Stillwater, OK 74078. Your receipt will be mailed to you after we receive your check. Please visit us at http://frontpage.okstate.edu/stw/aafsa/ or contact us at 405-744-6202 or lingjin@okstate.edu with any questions.

Thank You!