

## **AI Generated, Corrected Meeting summary for Filipino American Alumni Chapter of ODU - Monthly Zoom Meeting (10/28/2024)**

### **Quick recap**

The Filipino American alumni chapter of Old Dominion University discussed their budget, recent events, and plans for future events, including a potential happy hour event and a culture night event. They also discussed the status of the endowment for the Filipino American Cultural Center, the need for bylaws for the chapter, and the rebuilding efforts of the chapter. Lastly, they discussed the upcoming Dialogue event, the reorganization of the Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue (FINID), and the possibility of changing the meeting schedule.

### **Next steps**

- Rebecca and Jayden to provide list of graduating seniors (names and emails) to Darcy for alumni outreach.
- Kim to reach out to archives about printing vintage FASA photos for Web Center display.
- Nestor to get frame size information from Elbert Porteria for Web Center photo display and coordinate with Kim.
- Max and Darcy to report on endowment meeting with Alonzo Brandon at next chapter meeting.
- Kim to create graphics for potential November/December meeting dates (Nov 18, 25, Dec 2) and share with chapter.
- Chapter leadership to discuss rescheduling the November 25th meeting due to Thanksgiving week conflicts.

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### **Summary**

## **Filipino American Alumni Chapter Meeting**

The meeting was a Zoom gathering for the Filipino American alumni chapter of Old Dominion University. Nestor, the chapter's president, led the meeting and encouraged members to introduce themselves. Cristina, a 2004 graduate, found the chapter through Facebook and shared her connection to the UFC fighter, Brandon Vera. Rebecca and Jayden, both juniors, introduced themselves as the current president and vice president of FASA, respectively. Kimberly, the Director of Alumni Relations, was introduced as the staff liaison for the Filipino American alumni chapter. Max, a 1975 graduate, expressed his pride in being a member of the chapter and welcomed new attendees. Darcy, the chapter's treasurer, also introduced himself.

## **Budget, Homecoming, and Happy Hour**

Nestor led the meeting, discussing the chapter's budget and the recent homecoming event. The budget was in good shape, with \$978 remaining after the homecoming event expenses. However, attendance at the event was low, with only Nestor, Jeff, and Celeste present. The team discussed the need for better participation in future events. The next item on the agenda was the recap of the happy hour event at Chicho's, which was attended by 5 people, including Nestor, Max, Darcy, and two alumni board members. The team discussed the need for better promotion and planning for future events. Nestor also mentioned that he had met a potential new member at the event. The conversation ended with a discussion about meeting people who had just attended a wake and had chosen Chicho's as a location to socialize afterwards.

## **FASA's Culture Night and Rebuilding**

Rebecca provides an update on FASA's recent events and plans for the upcoming semester, including preparing for their annual Culture Night event. Nestor and Darcy offer to share resources and advice from their time in FASA, particularly regarding culture night. They discuss challenges FASA has faced in rebuilding after a suspension and losing access to past files. Nestor encourages FASA to attend other organizations' events to get ideas for their own culture night.

## **Organizing Late January Happy Hour**

Nestor proposed organizing another happy hour event in late January, after the holiday season and before Valentine's Day and President's Day. He suggested this could be a dinner meetup or a social event, with the aim of increasing membership and promoting the organization more effectively. Nestor also mentioned the importance of keeping the lines of communication open with advisors like Elbert, who has been involved with the organization for a long time. Darcy and Kimberly agreed with Nestor's proposal, suggesting that the event should not be on a Friday night or during a home basketball game. They also discussed the possibility of holding the event on a Thursday night. (tentatively on January 30, 2025)

## **Endowment and Event Planning Discussion**

In the meeting, Nestor, Darcy, Rebecca, Jayden, Kimberly, and Max discussed the upcoming event on the 30th and the potential involvement of seniors graduating in the fall. They also discussed the endowment for the Filipino American Cultural Center and planned to meet with Alonzo Brandon, a Vice President, to clarify the rules and usage of the endowment funds. Kimberly offered to join the meeting with Alonzo Brandon's secretary, Manuelo, to gather more information. The team agreed to keep each other updated on the progress of the endowment and the event planning.

## **Endowment, Bylaws, and Networking Opportunities**

The meeting discussed the status of the endowment and the need for bylaws for the chapter. Darcy mentioned that she had attended a chapter leadership meeting and shared some highlights, including the creation of a podcast, the focus on succession planning, and the need for more networking opportunities. The team also discussed potential collaborations with the Filipino American Cultural Center Organization and the possibility of sponsoring events put on by the Mabuhay, 757. Organization. The conversation ended with plans for a tailgate before the upcoming ODU vs. JMU game.

## **Rebuilding Chapter, Dialogue Event, and FIND**

Nestor discussed the chapter's rebuilding efforts, acknowledging the challenges faced due to the lack of continuity and the departure of some team members. He mentioned the need to approach more members to become active members of the chapter. Kimberly suggested reaching out to the archives within Perry Library for potential resources for photo images to display. Nestor also mentioned a misunderstanding regarding the use of frames in the Filipino-themed room and web center. The team discussed the upcoming Dialogue event on November 16th and 17th, with no specific theme. Cristina, who is part of the Filipino association at Ramstein Air Base, offered her assistance in networking and promoting the chapter. Darcy provided an update on the reorganization of the Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue (FIND) into nine districts, with Old Dominion University now part of District 7.

## **November Meeting Schedule and Event**

Nestor announced that the next meeting would be on November 25th, and there was a possibility of changing the meeting schedule from the last Monday of each month to the last Tuesday, starting in January. Kimberly informed the team that she would be unavailable for the Thanksgiving week meeting due to her wedding week. The team also discussed the upcoming alumni basketball night event, with Kimberly promising to share more details soon. Darcy requested a graphic for three potential meeting dates, which Kimberly agreed to provide. The conversation ended with Nestor thanking everyone for their participation.