



SOUTH ASIAN AFFINITY GROUP (SAAG)

Employee Resource Group (ERG) of Princeton University

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee February 19, 2016

Attendees: Vinod, Rajeshri, Sumit, Rekha, Shachi, Jeetendra

- **Updates and Report from past events by Vinod**

- Some well attended & successful events:**

- Dr. Subramaniam Swamy talk, Aug 20, 2015
 - Gandhi Jayanti, Oct 11, 2015
 - Mindfulness workshop, Jan 15, 2016
 - Promoted Diwali Celebration and Chennai Relief fundraiser
 - ERG Recruitment drive: Benefits fair, Flu Fest, Communiversity.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Talk by Dean Sanjay Kulkarni in April 18-22 – Vinod will set up the date and venue for this event.
 - Mindfulness Workshop, follow up – We plan to host this event in end of April.
 - End of year ERG party – Members urged to help with planning, promotion and organization once details get finalized.
 - Holi Celebration – We decided not to host the event this year in favor of above three events lined up for the Spring semester.
 - Rajeshri will coordinate the efforts for organizing Garba/Dandia later this year.
 - We need to watch & share scheduled events of SAAG interest. Vinod agreed to collect info from members and communicate as a weekly newsletter.
 - Elections of SAAG Executive Committee – The group decided to hold the elections in beginning of September.
 - Vinod presented a draft of “SAAG Work plan for 2016” and requested review/suggestions by 2/22/16. Plan is required for budget allocation in FY16.
 - Vinod & Rajeshri will represent SAAG at ERG Leaders meeting with Debbie on 2/23/16. They will update us about decisions taken there.

- **Next Meeting**

- Shachi will send out Outlook invites for the next meeting after she has received the room information from Jeetendra. It was decided to hold this meeting at PPPL.