



## Virginia Asian Advisory Board Meeting

October 23, 2023

**Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech**

290 College Avenue, Blacksburg, VA 24060

<https://zoom.us/j/97791051206?pwd=MUpackNkQU9kb3NhNDRCczMzTnBTZz09>

### **Advisory Board Members:**

Dr. Laura Beldin, Harshad Barot, Pepe Cabacoy, Dr. Kamlesh Dave, Tom Fitzpatrick, Dr. Nina Ha, Shakira Khan, Xiawei Lin, Salinna Lor, Bobby Ly, Carla Okouchi, Tian Olson, Dr. Srilekha Palle, Dr. Marie Sankaran Raval, Quan Schneider, Sunny Shah, My Lan Tran, Dokmai Webster, Henry Yuan, Tony Yeh

**Advisory Board Members In-Person:** Tom Fitzpatrick, Dr. Nina Ha, Xiawei Lin, Salinna Lor, Carla Okouchi, Tian Olson, Dr. Srilekha Palle, Quan Schneider, Dokmai Webster, Henry Yuan

**Advisory Board Members On-Line:** Pepe Cabacoy, Shakira Khan, Sunny Shah, My Lan Tran, Tony Yeh

**Advisory Board Members Not Present:** Dr. Laura Belden, Harshad Barot, Dr. Kamlesh Dave, Bobby Ly, Dr. Marie Sankaran Raval,

**Ex-Officio Members:** Director of Advisory Board Administration Emma Jensen, Assistant Secretary of Education Justine Taylor-Raymond

9:09 a.m.	Call to Order	Nina Ha
9:10 a.m.	Roll Call	Salinna Lor
9:10 a.m.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Nina Ha
9:11 a.m.	Approval of Agenda Pepe Cabacoy and Tony Yeh abstained.	Nina Ha
9:13 a.m.	Chair Remarks January meeting date TBD. Will be holding elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary and will schedule meeting dates for the next	Nina Ha

9:17 a.m. Assistant Secretary of Education Justine Taylor-Raymond  
Discussed All IN VA plan  
ALL IN VA Guiding Principles:

1. High Dosage: Tutoring 5 days a week, 18 weeks for at-risk students below passing.
2. Low Tutor/Student Ratio: 1:10 with two groups of 1:5
3. Acceleration Approach: Teaching grade level material while addressing gaps in learning
4. Grade-Level Materials: VDOE will provide digital tutoring materials and grade level practice at no cost to divisions and families
5. Trained and Supported Tutors: Provided digital materials, lesson plans, and training
6. Relationships: Tutors meet regularly with the same students
7. Progress Monitoring: Embedded in digital tools

10:10 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Town Hall Debrief Nina Ha  
Interested in seeing if other universities would host similar Town Hall events.  
Great turnout, students were well-researched.

1. Business and Trade: Digital literacy and language access
2. Civic Engagement: Voting was a big concern, demographic data, appoint more APIDAs into state and local appointments, translation materials
3. Education: Inclusion of Asian American Pacific Islander history, civic engagement, concerns about book bans, language access, disaggregated data, higher education highlighted need for financial aid, food insecurity, housing struggles, student worker rights on campus.
4. Health: Health insurance was notable, access to health care, language barriers, translation for services and providers, education campaign about alternative herbal remedies because western medicine is beneficial to health.

Discussion on mental health awareness and resources

Resources can be found here: <https://ccc.vt.edu/index/acec.html>

U.S. Therapist Directory/Asian Mental Health Collective:

<https://www.asianmhc.org/therapists-us/>

11:00 a.m. Virginia Tech Cultural and Community Center Dr. Ellington Graves  
Dr. Ellington Graves, Associate Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion  
Five Cultural Centers at Virginia Tech: Black Cultural Center, Indigenous Community Center, Pride Center, El Centro Center, APIDA Center  
In the process of standing up an APIDA Advisory Board.  
Virginia Tech, VCU, George Mason, and NOVA are certified as Asian American

and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions

Discussion on students reporting and not reporting racial incidents. Last year, there were 120 reports. Know there are many more that aren't being reported.

11:45 a.m. January Meeting scheduled for Jan. 8 at 9:00 a.m. EST  
Get report done and sent to Nina by Dec. 8  
Quan Schneider mentioned adding resources on the VAAB website

11:55 a.m. Public Comment Nina Ha

12:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned