Guide to the University of California, Irvine, Asian Pacific Student Association records. AS.194

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Language of Material: English.

Access
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Transferred from the Asian Pacific Student Association, 2016 and 2018. In 2019, material was separated from the Cross Cultural Center records and accessions from 2016-2017. In 2020, additional material separated from the UCI Clubs and Organizations publications series (PS-033) and collected from the 2012 Anteater Involvement Fair was added to the collection.

Historical Background
The Asian Pacific Student Association (APSA) is a progressive network of constituent organizations that empower the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community at the University of California, Irvine. Through a commitment to education, advocacy, community outreach and active political participation, APSA promotes diversity throughout the community at large. In pursuing these goals, APSA strives towards the establishment of equality in a multicultural society.

In March of 1981, Terry Hayamizu formed the Asian/Pacific Student and Staff Association at the University of California, Irvine in response to several suicide attempts made by Asian American students who felt trapped between two cultures. This organization functioned as a social support network, which sought to promote cultural sensitivity and awareness through educating UCI staff and students. As the needs of the students changed, so did the focus of the organization. Consequently, the Asian Pacific Student Association was formed in 1988 to better address the specific needs of students. Since then, APSA has grown as an organization. In addition to its role as a social support network, APSA has established itself as a political entity challenging the issues that affect Asian and Pacific Islander students.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
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<th>Box</th>
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| Box 1 1994-2015 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
This box contains organization documents and administrative files, constitution drafts, awards, scrapbooks, and photographs. |
| Box 2 2002-2016 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
This box contains materials related to RISE and the Asian Pacific American Awareness Conference. |
| OS folders 1-2 2009-2015 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
Folder 1 contains posters (2014-2015) and folder 2 contains a scrapbook (2009-2010). |
| Box 3 1989-2009 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
| Box 4 1981-2012, undated | Series Scope and Content Summary  
| OS folder 3 1991-1994 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
| Box 5 1981-2007 | Series Scope and Content Summary  
This box contains 1 flier that was collected at the 2012 Anteater involvement Fair and material separated from the UCI Clubs and Organizations publications series (PS-033) including Asian Heritage Week programs and fliers, correspondence, general fliers and leaflets, materials related to the Asian Pacific American Awareness Conference, and Asian Pacific Student and Staff Association event programs and newsletters. |