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ASLC Goals

In order to improve the equity of and justice in Asian Student Union (ASU), I and the rest of the ASU leadership are working this year to integrate anti-racism and solidarity with communities of color into our meetings, our events, and our structure. We must wholeheartedly thank the Black leaders and activists in the US, in Portland, and globally who have risen up against systemic racism and police brutality and whose efforts have reinvigorated addressing racism as it exists in all communities. To achieve this, we are making increased efforts to cocreate open events with other student unions to ensure a holistic perspective is represented. Additionally, we will be holding closed events aimed at addressing and deconstructing anti-Blackness within the Asian community. This will be done both through education on this issue and through dissemination of resources regarding how to address it. In order to increase ASU's connection to the broader Portland community, we will try to form relationships with and make our participants aware of local activists groups such as Asians 4 Black Lives PDX and more. Though these actions are extremely relevant to the recent social justice movements in Portland and beyond, I hope that this focus on increasing equity and justice within ASU will not be bound by this academic year, and instead that these will be ongoing values that are integrated into the entire structure of ASU.