



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011**

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Denila Butler, CSA - Shirley So, FASA - Marie Serica, HOH - Leigh Barry,
KhSA - Devin Porter, MEChA - Bonifacio Sanchez & Saldana-Spiegle, MISO - Felipe Espinoza,
QPOC - Manuel Hernandez, SASA - Mahin Khadeer, VSA - Victoria Do

Voting Members Absent: ACC, LSU, NASU

Non-Voting Members:

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Advisor: none

Chair: Deng Duot

Guest(s):

Motions

<i>ESCPC-II-F-5</i>	Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, October 31, 2011 with changes. - <i>PASSED</i>
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deng Duot said the diversity percentage needed to be changed to 20%.

MOTION ESCPC-II-F-5 by Maheen Khadeer

Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, October 31, 2011 with changes.

Second: Shirley So

Vote: 10- 0 -0

Action: ***Passed***

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Duot added Joan DeMark as an Information Item

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Location of the ESC - sponsored by MeCHA

Nadia Saldana-Spiegle said WWU praises its diversity but the ESC is hidden in basement of the VU. MeCHA is sponsoring a proposal to move the ESC to a more visible location. Right now they are trying to brainstorm ideas for where to move and they would like the support of the other ESC clubs. So far the places they have considered moving to are Canada House, the Bookstore, and the old SOS in Old Main. Devin Porter said this is a great idea but the Bookstore is not realistic. That space is important to the entire community and the school would not let that happen. Joann DeMark told the council to not set their sites too small. She said it would be good to work on partnerships and discuss the needs of the group, but not to fixate on a particular location. Saldana-Spiegle said they were thinking about bring together groups for this move such as the ROP. However she wasn't sure leadership was a good pairing. She also brought up budget cuts that affect students of color, specifically those coming from low income backgrounds. Duot said the current space is not big enough. The population that uses the ESC has grown rapidly. Leigh Barry asked if the next step should be to create a committee to create a proposal. Saldana-Spiegle and the rest of the committee agreed. Barry said that while this is not a fast moving process it is important to get as many people involved and aware of the movement so it carries on into the future.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Collaboration with the ROP

Duot said the ROP is willing to collaborate with the ESC, particularly the Women's Center. He added that most of the ROP information will go through the Steering Representative.

B. Creation of Emergency Scholarship

Duot said there is a diversity based scholarship that is given by admissions to incoming freshmen under the name of the ESC. He wondered why that money was being given to freshmen to recruit instead of focusing on retention. He said that it would be great to have a scholarship used to retain students of color. Duot said he wants to create an emergency scholarship and get money from alumni and other sources to give to current Western students in need. He also mentioned the creation of a committee to decide the qualifications for student to receive the scholarship.

C. ESC Dialogue

Duot said there will be an ESC Dialogue on Wednesday November 16th at 7-8:30pm in the ESC. The panel will consist of Anna Ellermeier, Ted Pratt who may not be there but there will be a representative from his office, Dr. Ojikutu, and Joann DeMark. They will talk about their jobs, roles in the university, and how the ESC can benefit by collaborating with them.

D. Western Leadership Advantage

Joann DeMark talked about Western Leadership Advantage. She talked about the educational side as well as the co-curricular side of the program, which include the WLA, SOS, and the ESC. She said that it is important for predominantly white colleges to teach white students to lead cross culturally and understand other cultures than their own so everyone can understand how to lead in a multi-cultural world. It is also important to make sure that students of color are involved in these programs because they can be teachers and leaders in how to work and lead in a multi-cultural world. She stated that she is teaching a course called Foundation of Student Leadership in the winter which can help in teaching students to make Leadership Posters and Leadership E-Portfolios. WLA is also starting Leader Corps in order to have a place where students can teach other students about leadership. There is also a course that teaches students how to teach leadership. It will be offered every spring. It is a three credit course that is a 340/341 sequence. DeMark added that there are a number of Leader Corps modules that could be useful to clubs such as giving presentations, working with a group that may not get along, team cohesion, time management, and clear role responsibility. She said she also supervises independent study that might be good for ESC club members to work with leadership and their clubs.

V. CUIR REPORTS

None

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:59 P.M.