



Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2012

Voting Members Present:

ACC - Said Mohammed, BSU - Dylan Koutsky, CSA - Shirley So, FASA - Marie Serica,  
HOH - Kelly Tango, KhSA - Devin Porter, LSU - Ariezna Muniz, MEChA - Nadia Saldana-Spiegle,  
MISO - Felipe Espinoza, QPOC - Manuel Hernandez, SASA - Mahin Khadeer, VSA - Connie Ownes

Voting Members Absent:

NASU

Non-Voting Members:

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Advisor: Ramiro Espinoza

Chair: Deng Duot

Guests: Ted Pratt, Dean of Students; Renee Collins, Associate Dean of Students; Daniel Espinoza-Gonzales, ESC Program Coordinator; Janna Cecka, ESC Staff; Fabiola Mora, ESC & SOS Staff; Vivian Kwan, CSA

Motions

<i>ESCPC-12-W-01</i>	Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, November 14, 2011 as written. - <b>PASSED</b>
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTIONESCPC-12-W-01 by Mahin Khadeer*

Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, November 14, 2011 with changes.

Second: Shirley So

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A discussion about Changes in the ESC was added to Information Items. Marie Serica added a discussion item about changing the time of Presidents Council.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**A. Meeting Time**

Nadia Saldana-Spiegle suggested making a doodle poll. The council decided that the best days would be Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday and a time on those days would try to be decided upon.

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Changes in the ESC**

Ted Pratt and Renee Collins attended the meeting to talk to the members about the upcoming changes the ESC will be going through. Collins talked about the national search for an ESC Coordinator. She stated that while this is going on there will be an interim plan put in place to make sure the clubs continue to get the service they need. It was also added that Ramiro Espinoza will be leaving the ESC. To make sure service continues Janna Cecka will be advising Presidents Council and Fabiola Mora will be advising Steering Committee. The two will also be

splitting other responsibilities that fall under the purview of ESC Coordinator. Once everything is finalized with Human Resources students will be informed of the delineation of duties. Pratt recognized Cecka as a cornerstone to the organization and thanked Mora for being willing to take on many new responsibilities shortly after she was hired. Pratt and Collins said they would be available to any of the clubs especially during this time of transition. Filipe Espinoza asked how the ESC Presidents would be involved in the search for the new ESC Coordinator. Collins said that Duot and Robel Paguio will be on the panel and that there will be a panel discussion once finalists are chosen from the pool of candidates that they hope all ESC members will be involved with. The timeline for hiring a new coordinator is hopefully by mid-March. Collins and Pratt both said that this will be a formal forum with written feedback to make sure that people working with them will have their needs met.

## **B. ESC Space**

### ***i. Move***

Saldana-Spiegle suggested making a deadline for getting the names of people interested in making a proposal for an ESC move. Serica asked if it was limited to one person per club. Saldana-Spiegle said it should be as many people as want to be involved. The consensus of the group was to have lists of names of interested students by next Presidents' Council and then have Saldana-Spiegle email all interested parties.

### ***ii. Cleaning***

Duot said that Ramiro Espinoza suggested everyone work together to clean the ESC. Duot suggested each club come in and clean. There was a consensus that this was a good idea.

### ***iii. Decoration***

Duot said that there are a number of very important photos and certificates that should be put up in the space. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Cecka suggested creating a small committee to help come up with ideas on doing this.

## **C. ESC Tutoring**

Duot said he would like to get a tutor to come in to the ESC to specifically help ESC students. He said this was especially important to have someone work with the ESC to make sure that they can directly help the member's needs. Kelly Tango and Said Mohammed mentioned that there is a tutoring center and that people should go and seek out the help that they need themselves instead of having someone come to the ESC. The committee agreed that this would be unnecessary.

## **D. ESC Scholarship Creation**

### ***i. Contributing to the ESC Scholarship Fund***

Duot pointed that any money that is gained through ESC dinners that is not donated to an outside organization or used by the clubs goes back to the school at the end of the fiscal year and reallocated, not necessarily back to the ESC. He said that the scholarship requirements will be created by ESC members and to keep the ESC involved with the scholarship he would like to take some of the money gained from Heritage Dinners and put it towards the scholarship. The council decided that there should be a committee created to decide the requirements and distribution regulations with the scholarship and this idea of the clubs donating funds from the dinners could be talked about then. Duot added that there is already a person interested in contributing to the scholarship. Duot is also looking to contact ESC alumni to gain more funds.

## **E. Finalizing the ESC Website**

Duot said that the website that is being created is more representative of what the ESC and includes more pictures of the clubs, the ESC and clubs' mission statements, and calendars of upcoming events.

**F. SOS Work Study**

There will be an SOS work study student who will come to the ESC.

**G. Welcoming Event**

There will be a welcoming event for Fabiola Mora from 5:30 to 7pm on January 10th in the ESC.

**H. Upcoming Events**

Duot said that AS is starting their hiring process. He emphasized that it was very important for ESC members and minorities to be represented in the AS.

**V. CLUMB REPORTS**

**A. ACC**

Mohammed said that ACC is ordering their club sweaters.

**B. BSIJ**

Dylan Koutsky said BSU is making final preparations for the MLK celebrations this week

**C. CSA**

So said that CSA is finalizing plans for their Lunar New Year Heritage Dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be donating the proceeds from the event to Orbis International and the club is currently looking for clubs to donation to a diversity basket for their silent auction.

**D. FASA**

Serica said that FASA's meetings will begin this week.

**E. HOH**

None

**F. KhSA**

None

**G. LSIJ**

Ariezna Muniz said LSU would be having their first meeting this week.

**H. MEChA**

Saldana-Spiegle said that MEChA will be discussing 1079 students at the next meeting.

**I. MISO**

None

**J. OPOC**

Manuel Hernandez said that QPOC's meetings are going well.

**K. SASA**

Khadeer said the club is currently working on deciding meeting times.

**L. VSA**

Connie Owens said that VSA is having their second meeting this week.

**THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:02 P.M.**