



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting**  
Monday, February 27, 2012

**Voting Members Present:**

BSU - Hayley Penor, CSA - Shirley So, FASA - Marie Serica, HOH - Kelly Tanga, KhSA - Anthony Sokha, MEChA - Alyne Sanchez, MISO - Filipe Espinoza, QPOC - Manuel Hernandez, SASA - Mahin Khadeer, VSA - Connie Owens

**Voting Members Absent:**

ACC, LSU, NASU

**Non-Voting Members:**

**Secretary:** Erin Curran-Tileston

**Advisor:** None

**Chair:** Deng Duot

**Guests:** Victoria Do, VSA; Nadia Sadlana-Spiegle, MEChA

**Motions**

<b><i>ESCPC-12-W-04</i></b>	Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2012, as written. - <b><i>PASSED</i></b>
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

***I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

***MOTIONESCPC-12-W-04*** by Filipe Espinoza

Approve the ESC-Presidents Council meeting minutes from Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as written.

Second: Alyne Sanchez

Vote: 8- 0 -0

Action: ***Passed***

***II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA***

None

***III. DISCUSSION ITEM***

***A. Russian Student Club***

Dmitry Spiridonov did not come to the meeting so this item was removed from the agenda and future agendas indefinitely.

***B. Weekly Concerns Series***

Duot explained that the weekly series is a space where ESC members can come and talk about issues in the ESC and how they can be fixed or dealt with. Espinoza said that the times have changed a number of times so many people are confused about when these meetings will be. He suggested having these meetings announced in Presidents' Council. Espinoza said that when he attended there were about seven people in attendance. He said that during the meeting they discussed foul, lewd, and profane language; students feeling uncomfortable to come to the ESC; the professionalism of the Assistant Coordinators; and inappropriate language focused towards "white people". He said that the facilitator was Joanne DeMark and he found it strange that someone outside the ESC was leading the discussion. He said his concern was that they are not using the Presidents' Council to its full potential and said he would like them to come to a Presidents' Council meeting. The council agreed that it would be a good idea to have someone

from the office to come to Presidents' Council in an Advisory capacity. Duot pointed to the Charge & Charter of the council to look at why it was formed and the role of the members in the council. He said that they had an internal role within the ESC and would dialogue about any internal matters involving the ESC.

#### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **A. Building Unity Debrief**

Duot brought up the idea of rewriting the ESC mission statement. He asked if this would fall under the purpose of the Presidents' Council. Espinoza said that it should. He explained that the leadership in the ESC has asked members if the mission statement is still relevant or if it should be changed to address the present needs of the organization, suggesting that it is not inviting enough and that the clubs have moved more towards an identity abroad focus. Espinoza said that he feels that the mission statement still rings true and it should represent underrepresented groups and is there for education and support. He said that he believes that the committee shouldn't have been created without discussing it with the Presidents. Manuel Hernandez said he isn't sure how it would be changed and that's mostly what he wants to know; what would the change and what would it be changed into. Nadia Saldana-Spiegle asked how many people joined the ESC because of the mission statement. Without an answer she continued to say that if the mission statement is updated and made more inclusive to "people who are overrepresented in some ways" it might seem like it's more open to allies. She thinks that the people they talk to and a friends with naturally, as an ally they will come to the ESC. She added that if they are a real ally they won't be afraid to come into the ESC. She said that there were two white people at building unity who are officers in their respective clubs, and if someone is going to be a real ally it won't matter what the mission statement says. She said that the ESC is not a space that is made for allies but for underrepresented groups and their allies. She said that there could be elaboration but there is not a lot of space for completely changing the entire mission statement. Shirley So said that when she joined ESC she did not look at the mission statement and that the name says that it's a safe space for underrepresented minorities. She said that while the mission statement might be old, it is the ESC's 20 years of representing underrepresented groups that makes it strong. She continued to say that as time changes it might be important to look at it and make changes to fit the times. She supported the idea of the committee. Espinoza said that the mission statement changes were brought up but it was decided against and the idea of a name change was brought up as well. Espinoza said that he thinks that the mission statement committee was rushed and that more people should have been consulted. So said that the committee wouldn't change things immediately but look at the statement and if they think there needs to be changes it will be discussed further and with more people. Espinoza said that he fears that since the committee was created the people on it could simply move forward with a change without consulting other people. Duot said that the Presidents' roles are to use their voice and educate their clubs about the issue and create an ongoing to dialogue.

#### **V. CLUB REPORT**

##### **A. ACC**

None

##### **B. BSII**

Hayley Penor said the club has finished their dinner. They are having elections soon and having an event on hair stereotypes. They are also planning a step show on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

##### **C. CSA**

So said that on Saturday they had their Hot Pot event and it went very well. The club is not doing a lot but they are having elections and have many people running. They are currently holding a bone marrow drive. Thirteen people signed up today. It will be going on Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

**D. FASA**

Marie Serica said that the club had an open mie night at the Underground Coffeehouse and 70 people showed up. She thanked the clubs for their support and coming to the event. They also had a social at a club member's house. People paid \$3 to come and they made \$120. Wednesday is their last meeting. They are also doing a lumpia sale fund raiser. Friday is quarterly sushi night. They are meeting at the bottom of the VU and going to Canada.

**E. HOH**

Kelly Tanga said that they are working on planning their Luau. Their last dance practice will be on Thursday. They are also planning fundraisers and Canada trips for next quarter.

**F. KhSA**

Devin Porter said that the club is prepping for their dinner. They will also have a mini pot luck at their last meeting of the quarter.

**G. ISII**

None

**H. MF.ChA**

Saldana-Spiegle said that the club is working in the committees working. At their dance the club made \$800. All the proceeds will be going to the scholarship. The scholarship will hopefully be up online soon.

**I. MISO**

Espinoza said that the club is working on a meeting with Compass to Campus and Woodring college that will be held in BT. They are also planning their main event and working on coming up with fund raising ideas

**J. NASH**

None

**K. OPOI**

Hernandez said that they are trying to see Pariah downtown this week. The club is just getting ready for spring events at this time.

**L. SASA**

Mahin Khadeer said that their last meeting of the quarter is on Thursday and they will be going bowling at 7pm.

**M. VSA**

Victoria Do said that the club is focusing on their heritage dinner this Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for general admission. There will be dances, martial arts, a fashion show, food, and a silent auction. All proceeds from the auction will go to the charity, One Body Village. The club's dance raised them \$800 which they will be splitting with LSU, which helped them.

**VI. OTHER RIISINFSS**

- A. Duot reminded the council that AS Jobs are opening next week.
- B. Hernandez asked if there was anything that could be done with Aramark and the contracts with catering. Duot said that there are discussions going on right now and Fabiola Mora has contacted them.
- C. Hernandez asked if this would be the last meeting of the quarter. Duot said that there would be a short house-keeping meeting with food next Monday.

- D. Serica said that some of her officers went to their monthly alliance meeting at WSU where the groups were sharing fundraising ideas. One idea that came up from UW was a Date Night auction where members are auctioned off. Some of the club's officers want to do this, but it has been brought up that this could bring up historical connotations of the slave trade. Serica said that before they plan the fund raiser she wanted to check in with clubs to make sure people would not be offended. She added that she personally thinks it is wrong but she is outnumbered in her executive board. Saldana-Spiegle said that no one should be putting monetary values on human beings, and it relates to the exploitation of people of color. This would also be based on looks which some people agreed is not a good basis for a fund raiser. Duot suggested doing something similar to what the Drag Show did by having the audience pay for people to get dressed in drag.

**THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:48 P.M.**