



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2012**

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Hayley Penor, CSA - Shirley So, FASA - Marie Serica, HOH - Leigh Berry, KhSA - Devin Porter, MEChA - Alyne Sanchez, MISO - Filipe Espinoza, QPOC - Jolene Manibusan, SASA - Mahin Khadeer, VSA - Connie Owens

Voting Members Absent:

ACC, LSU, NASU

Non-Voting Members:

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Advisor: Janna Cecka

Chair: Deng Duot

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

Motions

None	
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

The ESC Scholarships and Budget were added to the agenda, along with ESC Workshop and ACC.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. ESC Employee Report

An update on the ESC employees search was given.

B. Russian Club

Duot asked what the council wanted to do about the Russian Club. Mahin Khadeer said that if the club wanted to be a part of the ESC they would be in attendance and that since they have not been at meetings they should be dropped from the agenda. Filipe Espinoza agreed. Shirley So asked if they had to formally drop the club from the agenda. Espinoza suggested that ESC members go to the Russian Club event to see if that fits with the ESC mission and to also possibly talk to Dimitry Spiridonov in person.

C. ESC Budget

Duot explained that \$25,000 was the amount that Steering Committee started the year with Leigh Berry HOH Short 3000. Not subtracting 500 the club is not getting from steering. This is because the funds coming back from the meeting are much less than expected. She asked the council if they have any ideas on how to fund raise. Filipe asked how connected they were with their alumni. Berry said that she wasn't sure. Janna Cecka said that she could connect Berry with some HOH Alum. She said that the club worked with travel agents to get a Hawaii vacation and sold raffle tickets. Berry said that within the event they have a general store and a raffle and were able to raise 600. They have to take 1000 out of their club account and using those two things in the event to make up the cost of the event. The event is Saturday May 9th at 5:30. Devin said that

what would help is to get budgets in early and to make sure that everyone can get sufficient funds. Duot said that the system the ESC has is not sustainable. Espinoza said that they are doing their first event in two years and they are only getting \$1,000. He appreciates people who give back the money. He suggested making a quarterly budget. Saldana-Sigleman said that Aramark's food is extremely expensive which makes it harder to fund the number of events the ESC wants to put on. Janna said that Fabiola has a meeting to discuss Aramark on the agenda for two weeks in the future. Duot asked if they tried RHa. Berry said that they are going through that process right now. Filipe asked if other clubs could support the remaining events. Mahin suggested doing an ESC wide fund raiser. Filipe said that at a smaller college he had worked with a group to go into the community to get donations and earn money through a silent auction. Porter suggested doing that fund raiser during culture shock. Duot said that there might be a small amount of money that is available. Duot said that all were back expect for possibly ACC. Mahin asked how much was left. Duot did not know. Filipe said that his concern is that there are some clubs returning more of what they were given while others were not. He wants the funds to be more evenly spread throughout the year to be more equitable. Berry said that it is important that clubs don't simply rely on funding. She suggested that more clubs do fund raising. Duot also suggested making a list of back up funding sources. The Alumni Association was recommended. Saldana said that MEChA holds a dance that is open to the community and they can easily earn 1000 on a Saturday night. Connie said that that is difficult when there aren't funds to make a down payment. Mahin suggested taking this back to clubs to see if there are any ideas. Duot said that Aramark is charging too much and are charging for everything.

D. ESC Workshop

Khadeer said that she had a meeting with her advisor and VP where they talked about how there was no workshop at Summer Start that talks about the ESC. She suggested creating one that talks about the resources available and the organization's mission. She thinks this would bring in new members and create interest. Espinoza said that he volunteered for Western Preview and there was an Info Fair where the ESC had a booth that no one knew about. He added that the ESC table was pretty bland and not well represented. He talked to Janice Farmer and she seemed really interested in making connections between the ESC and the greater Western Community. Cecka said that New Student Programs is in charge of Summer Start and added that the ESC always has a table at the info fair but the idea of doing something beyond a table is great. Espinoza said that it is really important to volunteer for things like Western Preview to make sure the ESC and diversity on campus is represented. Duot said that he thought that the ESC did well in trying to be represented. He added he wants to see more ESC members involved in the campus.

E. ACC

Duot pointed out that the ACC President has only attended one meeting. He referred to the Charge and Charter and asked what they should do about this. Khadeer said that ACC needs to have a representative at rest of the meetings or else they won't get money. She added that they should give them a warning about this as well. Penor said that they should remind ACC that they can send a proxy to the meeting. Duot said that people needed to be treated equally and that meant having everyone attend meetings as well. Khadeer said that if they do not come to meetings this quarter they should not be able to apply for funding next quarter. She added that they should also remind LSU and NASU about the meetings and that it just needs to be a representative, not necessarily the president.

F. Scholarships

Cecka reminded everyone about the scholarship deadline coming up. She said there is a Bellingham Harold Diversity Scholarship and several ESC Academic Success and Leadership scholarships. They are getting ready to post all of those. She said that the AS also has a number of scholarships available. Espinoza said that AS Jobs close on Thursday. Cecka said she will send out a reminder email and that they will be due near the end of April.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

V. CLUB REPORT

None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:55 P.M.