



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Voting Members Present:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu, BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, KhSA - Routhea Doung, MISO - Timothy O'Connor, NASU - Kylie Gemmeil, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Meghna Jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

Voting Members Absent:

MEChA, LSU

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s):

Motions

SC-12-W-01	Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from November 30, 2011, as written. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-W-02	Approve VSA for \$4,660 in the form of an underwrite for their Heritage Dinner. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:11 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

MOTION ESC-12-W-01 by Meghna Jaradi

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, November 30, 2011, as written.

Second: Leroy Mwangi Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA-

None

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora stated Steering has \$5,550 remaining with \$2,000 remaining for travel.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

A. VSA Funding Request

Victoria Do said the club was approved for \$800 from the Diversity Fund. They are still waiting back from Willy Hart and RHA. The club is asking for \$4,660 from Steering. The tickets will be \$8 for Western Students and \$10 for general admission. It will be held at Sehome High School on March 3rd.

MOTION ESC-12-W-02 by Tien Nguyen

Approve VSA for \$4,660 in the form of an underwrite for their Heritage Dinner.

Second: Howard Kwon Vote: 11-0-0 Action: *Passed*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS- Steering Representatives**A. Scholarship Creation**

Duot said that the scholarship that he is trying to create in conjunction with the ESC would be in order to retain of ESC members and support campus diversity. This is extremely important now because there are ESC members that are having a hard time getting other forms of financial aid. Mwangi asked if it would be dispersed like an emergency loan or dispersed at the beginning of the year. Duot replied that this and other important details would be decided by the committee that would be help to create the rules and regulations surrounding the scholarship. He also informed the committee that there is already a member of the Board of Trustees who is interested in donating money to the scholarship fund. The scholarship will be funded through alumni donations and through donations from Heritage Dinners. He expanded that instead of giving money raised at Heritage Dinners to outside organizations those funds should be put into the ESC Scholarship Fund. Mwangi said he does not want the non-profits to be questioned and how the donated money would be spent. He supported the right of the clubs to choose how to donate the money they raise at their dinners. Duot explained that by giving all our money to outside organizations the people in the ESC are not profiting from the money. Mwangi explained that he agreed that it was a good idea to give money to the scholarship fund but that the clubs and the NGOs should not be questioned. Nguyen said that it should be the club's choice how the money is distributed. Jaradi suggested donating to the scholarship fund should be an option instead of a requirement. The committee agreed.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS.**A. Scholarship Logistics and Criteria**

This discussion occurred earlier in the meeting. Mora added that there had been scholarships to recruit students of color that used to be dispersed in the name of the Associated Students, but the title may be changed the an ESC scholarship and be used for retention instead. People are currently in talks with admissions to see if this is possible.

B. ACC Funding Request

Duot pointed out that ACC had not provided a readable budget and their request had not been approved by Kye Freeman; both things necessary for being heard by the committee. Duot posed the question to the committee whether the proposal should be heard. Jaradi suggested tabling the proposal until next week. Mawang pointed out that the club has more than four weeks before their event, which is the proposal deadline. There was consensus amongst the committee that the proposal should be tabled until it was approved by Freeman and had all the necessary components.

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. cum REPORTS.**A. African Caribbean Club**

Hintset Tekiu said the club is getting their sweatshirt designs approved and starting the hold dance practices for their heritage dinner.

B. Black Student Union

Mawang said BSU is holding an MLK March tomorrow at 5pm from the Comm Facility to PAC Plaza. Afterwards there will be an open mie event at the Underground Coffee House. The club is starting to work on their dinner and sweatshirts.

C. Chinese Student Association

Kwon said the club is planning their Lunar New Year celebration on the 27th in the MPR.

D. Filipino-American Student Association

The club is preparing for the Northwest FASA Alliance Conference.

E. Hui O' Hawaii

Sarah Kin said HOH's sweatshirts are here and they are planning their luau.

F. Khmer Student Association

Routhea Doung said the club's goal is to recruit members and to get to know each other better.

G. Latino Student Union

None

H. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán

None

I. Mixed Identity Student Organization

Timothy O'Connor said the club is planning their heritage dinner

J. Native American Student Union

Kylie Gemmel said the club is starting to work on their powwow for spring.

K. Queer People of Color

Alejandro Llamas said the club is planning events for later in the quarter. They are thinking about bringing up a hip hop group that deals with racial issues in society.

L. South Asian Student Association

Jaradi said the club's Heritage Dinner will be on the 4th of February in the MPR at 6pm. They have the performances lined up and menu set.

M. Vietnamese Student Association

Nguyen said the club is focusing on cultural food and talking about their Heritage Dinner. The club is also having a fund raiser at Applebee's on Friday.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS -

- A. Duot said the AS is hiring during Spring quarter and has the goal of hiring more students of color.
- B. The Women of Color Heritage Dinner is on May 18th and looking for help organizing it. If interested contact Duot.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:04 P.M.