



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Voting Members Present:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu, BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, LSU - Victor Celis, MEChA - Tania Quijada, MISO - Timothy O'Connor, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Meghna Jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

Voting Members Absent:

KhSA - Routhea Doung, NASU - Kylie Gemmell

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Jenet Habtemariam, ACC

Motions

SC-12-W-05	Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from January 25, 2012, with corrections. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-W-06	Approve ACC \$3,100 as an underwrite, with the stipulation that if they do not receive at least \$400 from RHA the club will get the entire amount of \$3,500. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Meghna Jaradi pointed out that QPOC was not absent at the last meeting. Leroy Mwangi also stated that his name and Binta Dibba's name were misspelled.

MOTIONESC-12-W-05 by Traci Watanabe

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, February 1, 2012, with corrections.
Second: Meghna Jaradi Vote: 11-0-0 Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Mwangi added Catering to information items.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora stated Steering has \$3,702.55 remaining with \$2,000 remaining for travel.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

A. ACC Funding Request

Jenet Habtemariam said their outside vendor was approved by University Dining and that their catering budget had dropped considerably, to around \$4,000. Mwangi asked if they would be changing the amount they were requesting. Habtemariam said they would not because they haven't heard from RHA. She said they would be talking with them Thursday, February 9th. She added that they have received \$1,000 from Willy Hart and \$2,000 from the Diversity Fund. ACC is still asking for \$3,500. Duot asked what their total budget is.

Habtemariam said it is \$6,500. Habtemariam added that their VU Services costs are now \$1,100 because they are holding their after party in the MPR as well. Jaradi stated that if ACC received a minimum of \$100 from RHA, Steering could give them less money. Jaradi suggested creating a stipulation in the motion that would allow for Steering to give ACC less money if they did receive funding from RHA. There was consensus amongst the committee members.

MOTION ESC-12-W-06 by Meghna Jaradi

Approve ACC \$3,100 as an underwrite, with the stipulation that if they do not receive at least \$400 from RHA the club will get the entire amount of \$3,500.

Second: Victor Celis

Vote: 11-0-0

Action: ***Passed***

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

Mwangi said that when he was talking to University Dining they discovered that if anything is needed from catering groups need to start communication with them one to two months in advance. Hinset Tekiu added that it isn't necessarily hard to get an exemption. Mora added that ACC's request hasn't been fully approved because there's a contract that has to be done with the AS and the VU, this is the part that takes the longest. Mora reiterated that she is willing to help any club get an exemption, but it must be done in a timely fashion so that they are not asking leaders within the organization to scramble and do extra work to help.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

None

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. CUM REPORTS -

A. African Caribbean Club

Teklu said the club is getting the last things done for their culture night and holding dance practices for the different countries they are showcasing.

B. Black Student Union

Mwangi said the club had a discussion on the "N" word. At their next meeting they will be discussing skin complexion and it's representation in the media. On Saturday they will be holding their 20th Annual Heritage Dinner. It is almost sold out. They are still looking for donations for the ESC basket.

C. Chinese Student Association

Howard Kwon said that they are having meetings but no upcoming events

D. Filipino-American Student Association

Watanabe said they will be going over compliments in Tagalog and making valentines at their next meeting.

E. Hui O' Hawaii

Sarah Kim said the club is still collecting box tops. Also, their dodgeball team is on a losing streak, but they are playing FASA soon. They have also started planning for their lu'au.

F. Khmer Student Association

None

G. Latino Student Union

Victor Celis said the club is getting ready for their dinner in April. And at the last meeting they talked about the book ban in Arizona

H. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán

Tania Quijada said that MEChA is prepping for Riding Low in 360 and they might be self-sufficient. They are also working on their scholarship and their committee is now accepting applications. Their dance committee has started planning their dance for next Friday

I. Mixed Identity Student Organization

Timothy O'Connor said the club is planning for their events next quarter.

J. Native American Student Union

None

K. Queer People of Color

Alejandro Llamas said the club is talking about Black History Month and watched a movie at their last meeting.

L. South Asian Student Association

Jaradi said that SASA had their dinner last Saturday and it was a huge success. She said that now the club is chilling. They will pick up meetings next week, and do more hang-out events.

M. Vietnamese Student Association

Tien Nguyen said they are having their Valentines meeting where they will exchange secret admirer gifts and decorating cookies. The club is working on their dinner and starting committees.

XL OTHER BUSINESS -

Duot made a number of announcements to the committee members:

- A. He stated that the Board of Directors will be taking a position on Arizona's banning of books on Mexican Cultural Studies at their Friday Meeting.
- B. The ESC Scholarship committee will be meeting soon, most likely on Friday, February 24th.
- C. The new ESC computers will arrive in about four weeks.
- D. A Russian Student Association representative will come to Steering next week to talk about why they want to become a part of the ESC.
- E. AS will start their hiring process next quarter and the Personnel Office is working with Duot to have ESC members involved in the process.
- F. The Teach for America Application will be opening soon.
- G. FAFSA applications are due on February 15th.
- H. The ESC Move proposal will be completed soon and it will be brought to the _____ committee to be approved.
- I. Leadership scholarships are available in the ESC or by emailing Duot.
- J. There will be a Dream Act Presentation coming up in the near future. The event information is available on Facebook.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:58 P.M.