



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, LSU - Victor Celis, KhSA - Routhea Doung, MEChA - Tanian Quijada, MISO - Timothy O'Connor, NASU - Kylie Gemmell, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Javan Noel, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

Voting Members Absent:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Peanutt Ngeth, KhSA Representative; Russell Porter, KhSA Representative; Chris Dela Cruz, FASA Representative; Arisa Sudangnoi, HOH Representative; Carly Schmidt, Human Services Program, Jeavan Noel, SASA; Leigh Berry, HOH Represent

Motions

SC-12-W-10	Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from February 22, 2012, as written. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-W-11	Approve a meeting on March 7 th , only to discuss this week's Information Items. - <i>Passed</i>

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

MOTIONESC-12-W-09 by Timothy O'Connor

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, February 22, 2012, as written.

Second: Leroy Mwangi Vote: 9-0-2 Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

None

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora said that there is \$954.06 in programming the programming budget and \$1,000 in travel. MEChA has put in their travel paperwork is asking to be approved for \$500. QPOC will be requesting funds as well.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

Carly Schmidt asked for any groups who had filled out the surveys for the Human Services Project to turn them in. She asked that anyone who does not have the surveys with them to drop the surveys off with Fabiola Mora. She added that the last focus group will be held tomorrow.

V. INFORMA TION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VII. INFORMA TION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. KhSA Funding Proposal

Peanutt Ngeth, the Hip-hop Dance Coordinator and Russell Porter, the Budget Authority said that in place of a Heritage Dinner KhSA is having a New Year's Festival. The event will be held in the MPR. It will be a more relaxed atmosphere than a dinner. They plan on having a photo booth where they can take donations, as well as a few raffles and a silent auction. They will be auctioning off gift baskets from the community. All donations and proceeds will go to SSI, a charity that works to improve schooling in Cambodia. There will be a number of performances at the event as well. KhSA will be asking for \$2000. Porter said that they will be requesting \$900 more from the Diversity Fund and \$200 more from Willy Hart. Duot also suggested asking for more from RHA. Alejandro Llamas asked what time the event would be held. Porter said it was from 6-9pm. Mora said that she met with all the groups requesting money and lowered the amount they were asking for from Steering and if all the requests are approved they will be okay. She said this was true for all groups presenting today.

B. HOH Funding Proposal

Leigh Berry and Arisa Sudangnoi said their club is planning their annual spring luau. The doors will open at 5:30pm with the show going from show 6-9pm. They are asking Steering for \$1,500. The event's theme is Stories of the Lei. They want this to be the theme because May is the month of the lei, and the lei celebrates the flowers and plants that the islands and earth given us. It is also a symbol of welcoming people into the culture. Berry added that the event sold out last year and they are expecting for it to do the same this year. They will have hula dancing, a raffle, and a general store where they will sell Hawaiian specialties. Duot asked if HOH had received \$1000 from Willy Hart. Berry said that the funding from Willy Hart and the Diversity Fund is still pending, but if they do not receive the money they hope to from these sources they would be able to cover costs with gains from event revenue. Mwangi asked for an explanation about the raffle and the general store. Berry said that throughout the event they will be selling raffle tickets for \$.50 to \$1 throughout the event for a drawing at the end. The general store sells jams, key chains, bracelets, wood bowls, and lots of other Hawaiian items that are not available in the continental US. Berry said that the store made a profit last year and the club does very well with both parts of the event. Duot asked what was on their menu. Berry said that the menu included rice, macaroni salad, Kahlua pig, lomilomi salmon, a vegetarian long rice dish and they may have jell-o. Berry said that they had to cut items from their menu to make it fit into their budget. Duot asked if they were using Aramark. Berry said yes and that they had already met with them. Mora pointed out that to cut costs that clubs can buy dishes or that catering can provide disposable dish wear for free, because they do charge for the ceramics. Berry said that they were told that the glass and ceramic plates are same price as paper plates. Mwangi said catering did not charge BSU for linens because they were already in stock, so he recommended finding out what catering's stock consisted of before ordering anything. Nguyen suggested set test date early to make sure everything is done right and that will allow for them to add more dishes if the budget allows. Mwangi said that catering's policy is to only have one tasting a maximum of two weeks before the event. Jevan Noel asked if the clubs have to pay for linens then catering takes them back. Mwangi said that the price was for ordering and shipping the custom linens. Berry suggested using butcher table to cover tables, which is cheap at the bookstore, and what their club is planning to do to cut costs.

C. FASA Funding Proposal

Chris Dela Cruz for is asking for funding for their annual PCN event. This year's theme is Our Time, Our Generation. It will be held on Friday, April 13th from 6-9pm with doors opening at 5pm. Dela Cruz said that the original budget is \$200 short because of new demands from Rex, a potential performer, so in order to cover that they will be asking RHA for \$100 more and taking \$100 from their account. They are also looking at whether or not they will have two performers. They have found out that by only having one of the performers, Melissa, the event will only cost \$1750. Dela Cruz said that on top of the two potential acts they would be bringing it, the event would have traditional dancing, modern hip-hop, musicians, and spoken word poets. Kim asked for more information about Rex and Melissa. Dela Cruz said that Rex is a stand-up comedian and that he does not know exactly what Melissa does. Kim informed the group that Melissa sings. Routhea Duong asked if the club would still be asking for \$1000 even if the costs went down. Dela Cruz said that they would. Mwangi clarified that the total with Rex would be \$3000 and with Melissa it would be \$1750 total. Dela Cruz said that Melissa would be willing to lower her cost to \$800, but the whole cost of bringing her here and having her perform might come out to be \$1100.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

A. Final Meeting of the Quarter

Duot pointed out that there are only two weeks left in quarter, and asked when the last meeting of the quarter should be. Mwangi suggested having voting only meeting during dead week. Nguyen said that the problem with that in the past had been that more clubs came into that meeting to make proposals. Mwangi agreed and said

that that should not happen at this next meeting. Celis said that LSU had their last meeting the day before and he had to talk with his members to see how to vote. Tania Quijada said that she is in the same position as Celis. Nguyen suggested suspending the rules of operations and a number of clubs disagreed with this because as part of their constitutions they have to talk with their clubs before voting. Mwangi asked what the clubs that already had their last meeting would do. Celis asked if there would be an issues if they didn't meet or vote on these proposals until after spring break. Duot said that that is a possibility and that these clubs could probably wait until the first week of school. Nguyen asked if any of the clubs needed the requested funds over spring break. Ngeth said that they need the money to buy decorations in Seattle over spring break. Quijada asked if they needed money specifically from Steering. Ngeth said yes. Celis said that it was probably best for KhSA for Steering to meet next week, and that it was possible for him to talk to his club members in the meantime.

MOTIONESC-12-W-09 by Victor Celis

Approve a meeting on March 7th, only to discuss this week's Information Items.

Second: Leroy Mwangi Vote: 10-0-1 Action: ***Passed***

Duot asked if people had a preference for the time of the meeting. Everyone was fine with the same time next quarter.

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. CUM REPORTS -

A. ACC

None

B. BSU

Mwangi said that at their last meeting they are getting information out for elections. He thanked everyone who came to the Erika Huggins talk as well.

C. CSA

Howard Kwon said that this week they will be holding elections and it will be their last meeting of quarter.

D. FASA

Traci Watanabe said that FASA is having their last meeting at 7pm in VU 464 and they are having a potluck.

E. HOH

Sarah Kim said that HOH's last meeting is tomorrow at 6pm in the ESC and they are also having a potluck.

F. KhSA

Routhea Doung said that KhSA had their last meeting. They have been planning their New Year's dinner and dance practice getting intense and longer. Next quarter they are trying to get more involved with the community.

G. LSU

Celis said that the at their last meeting LSU worked on their dinner which will be on April 20th.

H. MEChA

Quijada said that MEChA is having their last meeting next week. Nominations for officers are coming up. They are also getting ready for the next dance they will throw. She added that their last dance was a success. She also said that if people were available tomorrow the Migrant Youth Leadership Conference is happening and they need volunteers. The club does this every quarter. It is an event where students show migrant youth around campus and try to give them hope and encourage them to picture themselves coming to Western. It is from 8-2:30 or people can just come for lunch from 11-12. Quijada said that there would be free lunch at the VC for people who volunteered.

I. MISO

O'Connor said that the club is planning two events next quarter. The first is a Residence Hall meeting in BT. The club is working with Woodring and Compass to Campus and they will be having pizza to discuss educational inequality. The other event is to bring attention to groups that are less known on campus, such as the VOC and the AUAP students. They are trying to get community involvement so they are asking for food donations and student performances.

J. NASH

None

K. QPOC

Alejandro Llamas said that QPOC's last meeting might have been Monday. They are talking about going to the QPOC conference in Portland, but they are not sure how much funding they will be asking Steering for.

L. SASA

Noel said that SASA did not have meeting last week. They will be having meeting tomorrow, but they have not done much since their dinner. The club is starting to work on events for spring quarter.

M. VSA

Nguyen said that VSA's dinner will be Saturday at 5pm. Tickets are on sale. Groups can email and reserve table so they can all sit together. Today's VSA meeting will be short and there they will double check the volunteer list. The cost of tickets is \$10 for students and \$12 for general admission. The event will be held at Sehome High School.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS -

A. Duot said AS jobs are open next week

B. He added that One America, an organization that helps people who want to be American Citizens, is looking for volunteers, and if people are interested he can forward them the application. It will be in Mt. Vernon on the 21st of April.

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