



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim,
KhSA - Routhea Doung, LSU- Raven Richardson, MEChA - Tania Quijada, MISO - Timothy O'Connor,
NASU - Trisha Gonzales, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA -Meghna jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Voting Members Absent:

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Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Michael Vendiola

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Lahaji Thomas, Lisa Jackson representing NASU

Motions

SC-II-F-01	Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from September 28, 2011 with changes. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-II-F-02	Approve \$3,600 for the Filipino-American Student Association Heritage Dinner on October 22 nd , 2011. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity,

called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Leroy Mwangi changed the date from September 28, 2010 to September 28, 2011. Michael Vendiola requested sign in sheets for future Steering Committee meetings.

MOTION ESC-II-F-01 by Leroy Mwangi

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, October 5, 2011 with changes.

Second: Trisha Gonzales

Vote: 10-0-1

Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Mwangi stated the names of both FASA and SASA needed to be change on the agenda from Union to Association. He also asked to move the ROP Report to directly before Club Report.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT- Michael Vendeola

Vendiola stated Steering Committee had \$24,000 available with \$2,000 set aside for travel.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

A. Lahaji Thomas talked to the committee about Communities in Schools. This is a mentoring program for at risk youth to make sure they stay on track to graduate. It is a two hour commitment after school one day a week. There is a training and informational meeting on October 12th at the Opportunity Council (1111 Cornwall Ave. next to Boundary Bay) at 6:00pm. For more information contact the director, Remara Koppel, at remara.koppel@bellingshamschooldistrict.org or Thomas at thomas49@student.wvu.edu

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

A. *FASA Funding Proposal*

Traci Watanabe stated that FASA needed \$3,600 from the Steering Committee to cover expenses for their Heritage Dinner. The only funding FASA is waiting for is from RHA. The group has received \$1,250 from Willy Hart and \$900 from the Diversity Fund. Raven Richardson asked about the ESC Heritage Basket for the silent auction. Watanabe said that their President was coordinating that and she did not have much information about it. Duot said that if he got any information about the silent auction he would send it out. Vendiola added that the secretary would send out contact information for Steering Committee members. Duot asked what they would do if they didn't get the funding. Mwangi said last year clubs could come back to steering for money if needed. Duot stated he wanted people to use the Steering Committee's money when possible. Mwangi asked when tickets would go on sale. Vendiola said funding had to be solidified for tickets to go on sale, and if the motion passed they would be on sale shortly. Duot asked when posters would be put up. Watanabe said posters would be available shortly after receiving the funding.

MO TION ESC-11 -F-02 by Leroy Mwangi

Approve \$3,600 for the Filipino-American Student Association Heritage Dinner on October 22nd, 2011

Second: Sarah Kim Vote: **12-0-0**

Action: **PASSED**

VII. INFORMA TION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. NASU Funding Proposal

Lisa Jackson stated that NASU was having their first heritage dinner on November 5th in the MPR. She said most of their funding is still pending but they will hear back soon. They plan on having an authentic native dinner including family recipes including salmon, corn, potatoes, stew, and pie. Their performances will underline the fact that there are many different Native American cultures. To do this they are planning on having a fashion show of different traditional regalia, as well as performances of different cultural dances. With some of the songs and dances they hope to have audience participation so people attending the dinner can fully understand different cultural traditions. Jackson said that student tickets will be \$10 and general admission will be \$15. Vendiola asked if all their funding was pending and Jackson replied that it was. She said that they were supposed to hear from the Snoqualmish Tribe the next day. Duot asked what CBC stood for. Jackson explained that it was the Cold Beverage Contract.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

A. Travel Justification

Duot wants the committee to understand what kind of travel funding is available to them. He said that ESC clubs do not need to go outside for funding. However, there are criteria that must be followed. Duot had the committee reread the document. Vendiola clarified that the intention of the travel policy is to enhance the club and the AS in general. He said that the group should bring something back to the AS and general student population and hold a workshop or share the information with the student body in some way. Meghna Jaradi asked if it was for all travel or just for conferences. Vendiola stated that bringing back information was only for conference and not necessarily for activity based travel. Vendiola noticed that the document contained draft sections. Duot said it was still under review by the AS Board and if there are any changes he will bring back and tell the committee. Vendiola advised that travel funding requests should be started months in advance of the travel date because groups need to talk to people outside of the AS, including VU Admin and the Vice President of Students. He said the process takes a great deal of time. Duot added that if committee members wanted to drive they must be certified by AS and take a test. Richardson asked if the test and information on getting certified was online. Duot and Vendiola said that there was.

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. CHIB REPORTS -

A. African Caribbean Club

none

B. Black Student Union

Mwangi said BSU's first meeting had a big turnout of over 40 people. The club also had its kickoff dance on Friday and also had a good turnout. Next week BSU will be having a Krispie Kreme sale on Friday from 10-3.

C. Chinese Student Association

Howard Kwon stated that CSA's Night Market went well with a large turnout. He said they had their second meeting with a turnout of about 20-25 people.

D. Filipino-American Student Association

Watanabe said FASA have had one meeting and at their second meeting they will be having a traditional Filipino dance workshop.

E. Hui O'Hawai

Kim said their first meeting went very well. HOH is also working on a fund raiser for local schoolboy collecting box tops. Vendiola asked for HOH to do a benefit request form in order to keep track of benefits done in the ESC and the AS.

F. Khmer Student Association

Routhea Duong stated KhSA had their second meeting where they taught members how to say animals in Khmer, played games, and are trying new ways of have people come to meetings regularly. Duong also said that KhSA is starting to play sports on Saturday on the field near the ree center.

G. Latino Student Union

Richardson said LSU had their second meeting where they played a trivia game based on information about Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

H. Mixed Identity Student Organization

Timothy O'Connor said MISO had their second meeting and did an activity where attendees looked at pictures, talked about the stereotypes surrounding the objects, and how to fight them. MISO is also holding a free event where they give away bracelets to raise awareness of MISO.

I. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan

Tania Quijada said MEChA had their first meeting. The club invited professors and advisors who had been a part of the club in previous years. MEChA is planning s Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) event for October 27th.

J. Native American Student Union

Trisha Gonzales stated NASU had their first meeting where they spent most of their time getting to know new members. They also did the potato dance because they are trying to include culture in their meetings. NASU is also working on planning for their Heritage Dinner.

K. South Asian Students Association

Jaradi said SASA's first meeting had a good turnout. They talked about an upcoming festival, culture, and played games. For their second meeting she says they plan on decorating sticks that are used for a dance and possibly use them at a festival down to Kent.

L. Queer People Of Color

Alejandro Llamas said QPOC's first meeting had pretty good turnout. He said they mostly talked about what activities the club is planning for the year including movie nights a few times a quarter that will focus on queer people of color. He said the club is also talking about a dance off and a guest speaker.

M. Vietnamese Student Association

Tien Nguyen said VSA has had one meeting but they are changing the time because it conflicts with SC. She said VSA had a pretty big turnout. The club provided fried rice and played games to introduce new members. She added that VSA had a fund raiser at Applebees on Friday and received \$500 from the night, about 15% of the profits.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS -

- A. Jaradi mentioned the World Issues Forum and recommended any member who could attend should. She said the forum was from 12-lpm every Wednesday in the Fairhaven Auditorium.*
- B. Duot pointed out paper in the binders inviting all members to a lecture focusing on equity and diversity.*
- C. Duot recommended that SC member should apply for committees such as the Diversity Task Force*
- D. Vendiola mentioned the AS Club Kick Off was happening on Thursday and Friday in the VU MPR. He said the AS is switching to club software and it would be explained at the Kick Off. He added that Saturday is ESC training from 10am-4pm. He told the committee members to send representative if they are unable to attend. He said the President, Vice President, Budget Authority, Steering Representative, and the PR/Media people from each club should be attending the training, however, it is open to everyone. Vendiola stated that the morning sessions will be in large groups and the afternoon would be individualized training.*
- E. Vendiola explained that the ESC retreat was currently full but if people were still interested in going they should still register. They would be put on a waitlist and there is a possibility that some people may still be able to attend.*

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:14 P.M.