



Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Voting Members Present:

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

Voting Members Absent:

LSU

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Michael Vendiola

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Manuel Hernandez, QPOC; Aysha Kloub, QPOC

Motions

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| SC-II-F-07 | Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from October 19, 2011 as written. - <i>Passed</i> |
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

MOTIONESC-II-F-07 by Leroy Mwangi

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, October 19, 2011 as written.

Second: Trisha Gonzales

Vote: 11-0-0

Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Michael Vendiola added the Foster High School visit on the 27th and the future of the ESC to discussion items.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT- Michael Vendiola

Vendiola stated Steering had \$17,800 remaining with \$2,000 remaining for travel.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. QPOC Funding Request

Aysha Kloub said she and Manuel Hernandez are working on bringing up Lenelle Moise to perform on November 18th from 7-9pm. The name of the event is Womb Words Thirsting and it is a spoken word and slam poetry performance. QPOC is co-sponsoring the event with the Social Issues Resource Center and the Queer Resource Center. QPOC is asking for \$2,000 for the Steering Committee. Kloub explained that the two ROP offices that are co-sponsoring the event are covering the other half, \$2,000, of the artist fee as well as her travel and housing costs. The club hopes that this event will appeal to many different groups across campus because she is talking about many different social issues that affect many different people, including immigrant issues, working class issues, and issues faced by communities of color and queer

communities. The major goal of this event is to expand the type of events the club does. Mwangi asked why the artist fee is so high. Kloub said it was because she is coming from New York and that she is very well known, so since she is such a big name the artist cost is intrinsically higher. Meghna Jaradi clarified that it was a free event. Kloub added that Moise might even do a workshop with some students in the ESC on Friday morning.

B. Gender Pronouns

Duot said that the AS is trying to embrace diversity within the organization. They are trying to do this by using gender inclusive language and also being aware of how people would like others to refer to them. He said that we cannot generalize people by saying things like "you guys." As a group that supports diversity Duot said it is important to acknowledge people's differences. Vendiola said that the document included in the notebooks was generated through the Women's Center. For clarification or if anyone needs more information you can go to the Women's Center.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

A. Foster High School

Duot said Foster High School is coming to Western on the 27th. It is located in Tukwila and is seen as one of the most diverse schools in the nation and is home to students from 79 different countries. Vendiola said that they were looking for volunteers to serve on a panel from 11am to 12pm on the 27th in Haggard Hall 345 to talk to the group of 75 students. The goal of these students coming to Western is to get them excited about higher education.

B. Future of the ESC

Vendiola said that he has had the honor and privilege to work with the ESC for 15 years, but unfortunately he will be leaving November 23rd because of obligations back at home. He said there will be room for new leadership and is very hopeful for where the ESC will go in the future. He stated that he will be in the ESC tomorrow if anyone has any questions. Tien Nguyen asked if they knew who would replace him. Vendiola said that hasn't been determined but there will probably be an interim advisor.

IX. ROP REPORT

None

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A. African Caribbean Club

HintsetTeklu said ACC's movie night was cancelled. She added that the club is still working on sweatshirts. They are now preparing for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner with kids in the area who have been adopted from Africa and the Caribbean. She added that the club is trying to have more events that include these local children because of events that have recently come to light in the area involving this group.

B. Black Student Union

Mwangi said BSU is planning their dinner and getting committees set up. BSU is also extending the clothes drive. He said the end date is still to be determined, but it will probably be around the beginning of next quarter.

C. Chinese Student Association

Howard Kwon said the dumpling night was a success and that they are having a joint meeting with NASU this week.

D. Filipino-American Student Association

Traci Watanabe said the FASA Heritage Dinner sold out and was a success. FASA is also having their Halloween meeting directly after Steering Committee.

E. Hui O' Hawaii

Sarah Kim said HOH is currently working on sweatshirts and collecting box tops. She stated that there is a collection box located in the ESC next to the printer.

F. Khmer Student Association

Routhea Doung said their joint meeting with SASA went well and the club is starting to look into getting sweatshirts.

G. Latino Student Union

None

H. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán

Tania Quijada said MeCHA is having their Día de los Muertos event tomorrow in VU 565 from 7-9pm. She said there will be Aztec Dancers, tamales, and chocolate d'abuelita

I. Mixed Identity Student Organization

Timothy O'Connor said MISO is working on their Heritage Dinner and are talking about having a band perform on campus next quarter.

J. Native American Student Union

Trisha said NASU is still working on roses for their Heritage Dinner that will be held next week. She added that they are also having a joint Halloween meeting with CSA and carving pumpkins next week.

K. Queer People Of Color

Alejandro Llamas stated that QPOC's bake sale went very well and they are having another one next Thursday from 11am to 3pm in Vendor's Row.

L. South Asian Students Association

Jaradi said SASA's joint meeting with KhSA went well and that next week they are having a movie and pizza night at a member's house. She said the club is also starting to plan their Heritage Dinner which will be sometime during Winter Quarter.

M. Vietnamese Student Association

Nguyen said that VSA's Pho night is next week and that tonight is their Halloween meeting with candy and a costume contest. They are also starting their dance practice tonight. VSA is creating a committee to start discussing the Heritage Dinner.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS-

A. Duot said that he is currently looking for students to serve on the Diversity Task Force. If anyone is interested they should let Duot know. He added that a Minority Employment Council may be started as a student form of the Council that is available for staff members in the university. This council would represent the rights of minorities who are student employees in the university.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:02 P.M.