



Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Voting Members Present:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu, BSU - Leroy Mwangi, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, KhSA - Routhea Doung,
LSU - Jamie Bradford, MEChA - Tania Quijada, MISO - Timothy O'Connor, NASU - Kylie Gemell,
QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Meghna Jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

Voting Members Absent:

CSA - Howard Kwon

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Michael Vendiola

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Mahin Khadeer, SASA; Sharon Gitau, BSU; Asha Joby, SASA; Vivian Kwan, CSA

Motions

SC-II-F-08 Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from November 9, 2011, with revisions. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Meghna Jaradi changed Chatman to Chatburn. Hintset Tekiu explained that ACC's sweatshirts have not been approved.

MOTION ESC-II-F-08 by Leroy Mwangi

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, November 9, 2011, with revisions.

Second: Meghna Jaradi

Vote: 10-0-0

Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Michael Vendiola added SOS/ESC Academic Advisor under Information Item - Steering Committee. Jaradi added SASA funding request under Information Item - Steering Item. Duot asked if the committee members were alright with this addition. Vendiola explained that this addition was because SASA was a little late getting their request in. There was consensus within the committee and they were added.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT- Michael Vendiola

Michael Vendiola stated Steering had \$15,800 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. BSU Funding Request

Sharon Gitau stated BSU is requesting funding for their heritage dinner on February 11th, 2012. They are asking for \$4,500. This will be their 20th annual dinner. The money will be going towards paying for band, \$1,500, a

guest speaker, \$600, and entertainment, a hip hop group, \$350. They are expecting around 300 people and are planning on doing publicity early both around campus and in the larger Bellingham community. Currently food is the biggest cost and the club is trying to reduce that cost. It is currently estimated to cost \$5,500 after preliminary reductions. They are still working on reducing that cost by reviewing the menu and considering possible substitutions. The club already has a few sponsors but still need money from Steering to make this event possible. Vendiola confirmed that preparations have been made to ensure that invitations and publicity get out on time. Gitau assured the committee that the Publicity Reps have been working hard and the advertising and invitations should be out on time if not earlier. Jaradi asked what the theme is for the dinner. Gitau explained it was Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future, and they will focus on BSU and African American history since they reached a milestone after reaching their 20th annual dinner. Tekiu asked what they would be serving at the event. Gitau said that since the club is still working to lower the food cost they have not finalized their menu. Mwangi will update committee when menu is finalized.

B. SOS/ESC

Vendiola said the search committee has their final three applicants to fill this position. They are trying to get the word out for people to come and meet the candidates while they are visiting campus. In the open sessions there will be no set questions, but give people a chance to ask any questions people might have. He passed around the times so ESC members could know when this would happen. All of the sessions will be held in the ESC. To get feedback the hiring committee will have a feedback form that participants can fill out with any positive aspects or concerns about the candidates.

C. SASA Funding Request

Mahin Khadeer said SASA's heritage dinner will be February 4th, 2012. Asha Joby added that their theme is A Year in South Asia. The dinner will focus on the different festival and holidays that take place in an average year in South Asia. With this theme they will be bringing in performers who focus on performances from these festivals. Khadeer said the club is looking for \$3,400 from Steering. She stated that some of this money would go to performers and they would be compensating each group for gas. Each group would get \$165 coming to a total of \$990. The rest of their budget consists of \$500 for VU Event Services, \$400 for publicity, \$4,300 for food, \$100 for equipment, and \$210 for decor. The club has already received \$1,200 from Willy Hart and have asked the Diversity Fund for money. They are also working on a proposal for RHA. Vendiola reminded SASA to make sure all their advertising get out on time.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

None

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. cum REPORTS -

A. African Caribbean Club

Tekiu said the club is still working on their sweatshirts and their funding request. The club's bake sale went well and their Thanksgiving Potluck will be held this weekend.

B. Black Student Union

Mwangi said BSU had a team building meeting and their next meeting will be a Thanksgiving dinner. They are currently working on their sweatshirts and planning their dinner.

C. Chinese Student Association

Howard Kwon said CSA's potluck with SASA went very well.

D. Filipino-American Student Association

Traci Watanabe said their last meeting was smaller due to the Turquoise Jeep Concert. They are having a Thanksgiving potluck with VSA. The Filipino Olympics are coming up and if you are interested in participating talk to Watanabe.

E. Hui O' Hawaii

Sarah Kim said that their Seattle trip went well. HOH is also having a potluck tomorrow. They are starting to plan their spring luau.

F. Khmer Student Association

Routhea Doung said KhSA is having a dinner in honor of some of their members who have been very involved. The club is also looking at being more involved in the Bellingham community next quarter. Vendiola suggested that anyone interested in volunteering should go to the Whatcom Volunteer Center because they can help groups identify organizations in need.

G. Latino Student Union

Jamie Bradford said the club had their last meeting and are planning their dinner and focusing on deciding on food and a theme.

H. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán

Tania said a smaller group went to the UW to a discussion about the Occupied Movement and those people will be presenting to the larger club about getting involved in a rally against tuition hikes and the loss of work study across Washington State.

I. Mixed Identity Student Organization

Timothy O'Connor said the club is planning an event at the beginning of Winter Quarter to raise awareness for the club.

J. Native American Student Union

Kylie Gemmell said NASU is working on sending out thank you cards to people who helped with their heritage dinner.

K. Queer People Of Color

Alejandro Llamas reminded the committee that Lenelle Moise will be performing this Friday and it will be held in the VU MPR. She is also holding a workshop that same day. There are only 20 slots open. If you are interested contact QPOC at www.qpoc@yahoo.com

L. South Asian Students Association

Jaradi said their joint meeting with CSA went well. The club is still working on their heritage dinner.

M. Vietnamese Student Association

Tien Nguyen said they are having a joint meeting with FASA. She added that their trip to WSU for the Turkey Bowl went well and they are having a Dead Week Study Session in AIC.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS-

- A. Duot said he talked with Renee Collins about creating a hiring committee which involves students to be involved in the hiring process to fill the position that Michael Vendiola will be vacating November 22nd.
- B. Duot reminded the committee about the possibility of creating an emergency scholarship for ESC students in order to retain diversity. He said that the President's Council decided that a committee should be created to decide how this should be distributed.
- C. Duot informed the committee about a summer internship in the White House that is available.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:59 P.M.