



Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, LSU - Bernardo Serna, KhSA - Monika Nuth, MISO - Timothy O'Connor, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Meghna Jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

Voting Members Absent:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu, MEChA - Tanian Quijada, NASU - Kylie Gemmell

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Filipe Espinoza, MISO Representative; Maya Washington, LSU Representative

Motions

None	
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Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

None

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora said that there is \$3,679.98 in the programming budget and \$500 for travel. She said that after settling all the accounts, they have more money than they thought they were going to have. They are still waiting for the official costs for catering from the VSA event, however. She said that there will be an extra \$2,400 at the end of the year. Mora added that if one of the groups asking for funding today is short on funds and if they could get more funding from Steering that would be great. Duot asked what she meant by that. Mora said they can award more to the group than they ask for. She also suggested that they could fund next year's events with this year's extra funding as well. Duot said if a club needs more funding then they can consider that. Mwangi said if HOH has a balance to settle they should use some of the extra funds for that. Filipe Espinoza said he thinks that there has been a "free for all attitude" in Steering this year and wondered if there were any plans for tighter budgeting next year. Mora said that she believes something should be done to make it more equitable and that the council will be talking about that in the last meetings of this year. Duot said they are trying to make sure everyone gets at least a little bit of funding. Tien Nguyen said when they figure out who next year's Steering reps will be the decisions about next year need to be made with them as well, because they are the ones who are going to be following through with it. Nguyen also asked if they have set up a time to meet with Aramark. Mora said that Daniel and Robel are working on that, but one of the Aramark employees left so it's been harder to set up a date. They are still working on set that up though.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

In the beginning of the year, a group of students gathered to get the ESC "out of the basement." They want the ESC to be more visible, more accessible, and they need more space. She wants them to talk to their clubs about this and get contact information from interested parties so she can set up a doodle to setup a meeting time. Nguyen asked what they will be doing. She said this is the time and space to plan the move of the ESC and to write the actual proposal. Duot said the proposal will be sent to the administration. He added that they are

considering Old Main or the Library as possible places for the move. They have had two meetings where they have brainstormed "what should we say to who." Duot said the space was created in 1991 and the ESC has grown a lot since then. He posed the question: how can we make a good argument? He said that they need everyone to be involved.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

A. LSU Funding Proposal

Bernardo Serna is presenting the LSU funding request. They are asking Steering for \$2,000. They have received \$1,200 from Willy Hart, \$500 from Diversity, and \$250 from Bruce Shepherd. The total amount they need for their dinner for their event is \$6,060. Their dinner theme is Pursuing Our Passions to Pursue Our Dreams. This will be a classic, elegant theme. He said that the food is really good, and that they actually had tasting earlier today. Jaradi pointed out that even with money from Steering they still don't have enough money for the event. Serna said they are asking for donations and are doing fundraising in order to cover the cost, they have also raised \$555. Jaradi asked what would happen if they didn't get the money. Serna said that they would have to pay out of pocket. Mwangi asked if ticket sales would cover the difference. Mora said that it would if they sold out, but even then it would be very tight. Espinoza asked what they are doing for fundraising. Maya Washington said they have done a bake sale and having everyone go out and ask for donations. She added that they weren't able to get all the funding they were hoping to get. Because of this they may have to cut some more food out, but they are doing the best they can. Jaradi asked Mora if they have the money to give to the club. Mora said they did. She said that even if Steering decides to give them \$2,000 they will still probably be short \$1,100. Nguyen pointed out that they are comping 30 tickets, she asked if they were for performers. When Washington said that they were Nguyen suggested maybe asking performers to pay for tickets. Washington said that they had already covered that in their pay. She said that they are doing everything to cut cost but all they have left to cut is food. Jaradi asked if they have a back-up menu. Washington said that they can't really go smaller than plantain lasagna. Mora said that they need to know by Friday how much they have raised, because that gives catering a week to cancel the contract. Washington added that without food the event would be dead in the water, and that cutting food would probably mean cutting the event. Duot said once they get fundraising information they will be able to assess how much they need. Nguyen said the band sounds really expensive. Washington said that it is the main focus and draw of the event. Nguyen asked if there is time to negotiate with them. Washington said they got a really good price and that it is a family hookup. She added that the contract is already done and cutting the band would also kill the event as well. Washington described the food that they would be serving—plantain lasagna, Spanish rice, potatoes, chips & pico de gallo. She said that the dessert is ponuelo and a cup with some parfait in it. Duot said they would see how much they could fund raise, and Mora suggested decreasing the number of people they were catering to.

B. MISO Funding Proposal

Espinoza said that MISO hasn't come to Steering in two years because they pull from their own funds. They are asking for \$2,000 from Steering. He said that the Diversity Fund is out of money and they are waiting to hear back from Cold Beverage Contract. The more CBC gives them, the less they have to ask for from Steering. Willy Hart gave them \$1,200 and they are still waiting to hear from RHA. The purpose of the event is to bring together people from other avenues of diversity such as international students and AUAP. Mwangi asked why there is a discrepancy between how much they are asking for and their anticipated revenue. He said that this was because there were a lot of unconfirmed funding. Mwangi asked why ticket prices are so low. Espinoza said they are trying to make this event accessible to everyone. Nguyen had the same concern about the ticket price. Mwangi said that it is important to keep in mind that Steering does not have a lot of money but they will give as much as they can. He also suggested keeping the student price low and then making the general admission price higher. Mora said that the price is based on food. Nguyen said that community members don't like coming to the school for events so bumping up the price for them would not be a bad idea. She said it might be that or move the event to a different venue. Jaradi said it is too late to change venues and that Nguyen's idea about moving was unrealistic so the best bet was to raise prices. Espinoza said they are focusing on the Western community and trying to bring more people in from across campus. Espinoza added that the menu will consist of miso soup, tiny bean & cheese burritos, macaroni and cheese balls, pita and hummus and roasted veggies, and various desserts. Jaradi asked about reaching out to different classes that have a component where you could make attending the event mandatory or highly recommended. Espinoza said that was a good idea.

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -**IX. ROP REPORT**

None

X. CUM REPORTS -**A. ACC****B. BSU**

Mwangi said that they had a discussion on the Trayvon Martin case and similar cases that have been popping up. They had students from the Law, Diversity, and Justice Department in Fairhaven join in on the discussion. They are planning on having a rally/march/vigil next Wednesday. They are having all interested parties meet with BSU.

C. CSA

Howard Kwon said that they had a meeting that set up some events they are going to have later in the quarter.

D. FASA

Traci Watanabe said that at their next meeting they will be talking about the conference they are going to. This Friday they are having a Philipino Cultural Night at 6 PM.

E. HOH

Sarah Kim said that she made flyers for their Krispy Kreme fundraisers. They are doing preorders. They will be selling in Red Square and Vendors row. They are collecting orders for clubs if they want to have donuts at meetings. They have a Facebook event and also a Googledoc. She passed out order sheet and asked Steering Reps to give them back to her at the next Steering meeting.

F. KhSA

Kim also said that their dinner is this Friday in the MPR at 5:30. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission.

G. LSIJ

Washington said that they had their first meeting where they had recaps from one of their members about the MEChA conference and rally in Arizona. She added that their dinner would be next Friday.

H. MEChA**I. MISO**

Timothy O'Connor said they had their big meeting in Buchanan Towers and it went fairly well. They will be collaborating with Compass to Campus more in the future. At their meeting they talked about seterotypes.

J. NASH**K. OPOC**

Alejandro Llamas said that they had their first meeting last Tuesday. They discussed their dance off event. They are planning to hold it in late May. They are now just working on logistics. They have the design for their sweatshirts and they will be ordering those soon.

L. SASA

Jaradi said that they are having their first club meeting of the quarter tomorrow at 7PM downstairs in VU 464 where they are having a pancake feed. They will be meeting every other week on campus. Every other weekend they will be doing different things such as bowling or canoeing.

M. VSA

Nguyen said last weekend some of the officers went down to Corvallis, Oregon and went to a dinner at Oregon State University for their Heritage Dinner. The weekend before that they went to Seattle to Pho King because there was a male fashion show there. They are having their meeting tomorrow where

they will be talking about elections and they will be nominating candidates for next year. If you have anyone in mind, come to meeting.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS-

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:34 P.M.