



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, 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, LSU - Victor Celis, MEChA - Tania Quijada, NASU - Kylie Gemmell

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Peanutt Ngeth, KhSA Representative; Devin Porter, KhSA President; Eriver Eugenio, HOH Represent; Kye Freeman, AS Assistant Business Director

Motions

SC-12-S-01	Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from February 29, 2012, with changes. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-S-02	Approve \$2,000 as an underwrite to KhSA for their heritage event. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-S-03	Approve \$1500 as an underwrite to HOH for their Heritage Dinner. - <i>Passed</i>
SC-12-S-04	Approve \$500 as an underwrite for FASA's Philipino Culture Night. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Meghna Jaradi pointed out a few name misspelling and Leroy Mwangi stated that the wrong pronoun was used to describe him in club reports.

MOTION ESC-12-S-01 by Jaradi

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Wednesday, February 29, 2012, with changes.

Second: Leroy Mwangi Vote: 8-0-0 Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

None

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora said that BSU is returning \$4026.73, SASA is returning \$720.71, and VSA's account won't be settled until mid-April. She added that ACC is still waiting for invoices so their account can't be dealt with yet. Mora said that there is currently \$5,788.44 in Steering's account and \$500 remaining in the travel fund. She added that with all of the estimated returns the committee will be able to regain a fair amount of money. Mora introduced Kye Freeman as a student advisor who will be at the meeting to make sure that the remaining funding is distributed in a fair manner and give an outside perspective.

Duot pointed out that NASU was crossed out off of the page. Mora explained that NASU had been allocated money that was not carried forward and the event will only happen if the club can come up with an additional \$5,000. Duot asked why the money wasn't carried over. Mora said that the money was redistributed at the end of the fiscal year because it was not correctly approved at the end of last year. Freeman said that if the accounts are taken forward the club cannot ask for more money the upcoming year that they were already funded, so MEChA couldn't ask for more money because they went through that process. Devin Porter said that in President's Council it was suggested to give an even amount to each club and then clubs who didn't use their

funding could give it to clubs who needed more. Tien suggested having a maximum amount of funding that a club could ask for. Freeman said that she might agree with the even distribution of fund, but they would need to take into account the different needs of the club. She added that it is not the proper AS procedure with funding. Jaradi suggested making the funding requests more detailed and having more research done before requesting money might be helpful in decision making. Freeman suggested using the budgeting system that the program offices in the AS do. She said it is zero based budgeting. Each office starts at zero and has to make a detailed list of where they can get each item and the exact amount that they need for the program. Sarah Kim also suggested having clubs set goals about what percentage of the money needed for programs they will get through fund raising. The committee liked this idea. Mwangi said that as a two year veteran he does see a need for being detailed, but that the main reason behind the prices going up was the cost of catering. He reiterated his desire to have an Aramark representative come to Steering meetings or be in easy communication with the ESC clubs, and who can act in an advisory capacity. Nguyen said that having a catering representative coming to every Steering meeting would be excessive. Freeman suggested having a representative come to one of the first meetings of the year and give a presentation to the clubs. Nguyen said that she would like to see catering change their attitude and would like to hold a forum where frustrations could be discussed and hopefully lead to a point where an agreement could be reached. Mora said that Robel and Daniel are working on setting a time where ESC members could share their frustrations with Aramark.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

A. KhSA Funding Proposal

Devin Porter said that KhSA has decided to pay the \$300 they needed for costumes and for decorations. They also had one performer back out of the event. Their budget will go down by \$750 and by taking out parking it will total \$5,750. They have received \$1,000 from Willie Hart \$500 from the Diversity Fund. Porter added that the Target funding did not come through. Currently they have \$1,500 going towards dinner. They currently have not heard back from RHA and the Cold Beverage Contract. Mwangi asked if Steering were to approve \$2,000 what other forms of funding the club would have access to. Porter said that they would use the ticket revenue to pay off as much as they could. Mora said that even with that they would be \$1,200 short. Duot suggested trying the Western Foundation, the Alumni Association, and Fairhaven College. Duot also said that he is somewhat concerned about getting funding from the Cold Beverage Contract. Porter said that while \$500 was approved during an unofficial meeting the money was never transferred or approved. Duot said that they needed to look into publicity and advertising in the future because it seemed to be too high. Freeman said that the price was pretty standard for any club and might actually be a little lower than most. Jaradi asked what KhSA is serving at their dinner. Porter said that they will have beef sticks with pickled vegetables, a vegetarian noodle dish, tapioca corn pudding, and tea. Jaradi said that the menu she listed should not cost as much as it does and that they really should talk to Aramark. Nguyen said that she remembered that the clubs at the beginning of the year came in under-budget for catering and now it seems to be costing much more. Mwangi said that constant communication with catering is the key to cutting the budget because if you bother them enough they will figure out a way of getting rid of you.

MOTION ESC-12-S-02 by Meghna Jaradi

Approve \$2,000 as an underwrite to KhSA for their heritage event.

Second: Tien Nguyen

Vote: 9-0-0

Action: ***Passed***

B. HOH Funding Proposal

Eriver Eugenio said that the luau is May 19th. Their budget is currently at \$6,710. They have received \$1,200 from Willy Hart and did not receive anything from the Diversity Fund because they ran out of money. They did however receive an apology letter. They have raised \$427 over this year. They are asking for \$1,500. Kim said that they have already cut out everything they can from the event and they are still struggling. She said that they are trying to go outside the University for catering. Kim added that they are only asking for the money because it is absolutely necessary to put on their event. She added that they actually need more money, but they are only asking for \$1,500. Freeman asked what they had cut out. Kim said that they cut everything but transportation and freight, food, and publicity. All they can cut is the amount of food and they are trying to go outside to get a lower price. Mora suggested talking to the people who put on Back to Bellingham because this

is advertised as an event associated with that week. She said that if the club feels pressured by the University to put on their programs they should talk to them and if they do value the programs then they'll figure out how to help them cover the costs. The council talked about different ways of fundraising and dealing with dining services.

MOTION ESC-12-S-03 by Meghna Jaradi

Approve \$1,500 as an underwrite to HOH for their Heritage Dinner.

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

C. FASA Funding Proposal

Traci Watanabe said that they are going with a cheaper performer and she only costs \$1,100. The total cost for the event will be \$1,750. Jaradi asked if the club is charging admission to cover cost. They said that they were. They said that they received \$500 from the Diversity Fund and that they will find out how much they will receive from RHA later. Mwangi asked if the club will be reducing the amount they are requesting from Steering. They said that they are still requesting \$1,000 so they can use their club money for other things. They added that the extra money would be helpful because they have 60 people being comped into the event. FASA agreed to ask for \$500 and that if they have any revenue after that the money will go back to the club.

MOTION ESC-12-S-04 by Leroy Mwangi

Approve \$500 as an underwrite for FASA's Philipino Culture Night.

Second: Tien Nguyen Vote: 9-0-0 Action: *Passed*

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

None

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

None

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. CHIB REPORTS -

None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS -

- A. Culture shock is coming up. It will be next Thursday, the 12th at 7 pm. It is a free event.
- B. Today, Tomorrow, and Thursday are the Tribute to Truth Workshops at 6pm. Each workshop is a different topic. Today's topic is self-exploration. They will be held in Miller 139. The other two workshops are on healing communities and action.
- C. Freeman said that people should apply for AS Jobs.
- D. Mora said that the ESC Scholarships are open. There are five different scholarships. They are for students identifying as African and/or African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native/Hawaiian, Latino/a, and general. Each scholarship is \$1,000 and are due on April 30th.

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