



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Voting Members Present:

BSU - Leroy Mwangi, CSA - Howard Kwon, FASA - Traci Watanabe, HOH - Sarah Kim, KhSA—Routhea Duong,
MISO - Timothy O'Connor, QPOC - Alejandro Llamas, SASA - Meghna Jaradi, VSA -- Tien Nguyen

Late Voting Members:

MEChA - Tania Quijada

Voting Members Absent:

ACC - Hintset Tekiu, NASU, LSU - Victor Celis

Non-Voting Members:

Erin Curran-Tileston (Secretary)

Chair: Deng Duot

Advisor: Fabiola Mora

Co-Chair:

Guest(s): Simon Medrano, MEChA Low Rider Show Committee; Omi Chun, KhSA; Dale Lay, KhSA; Kye Freeman,
Assistant Business Director

Motions

SC-12-S-08 Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, May 1, 2012, with changes. - <i>Passed</i>

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Timothy O'Connor pointed out that Hsu Li's name was misspelled.

MOTION ESC-12-S-08 by Howard Kwon

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, May 1, 2012, with corrections.

Second: Timothy O'Connor

Vote: 8-0-1

Action: *Passed*

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

None

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fabiola Mora said that there is \$3,267.88 in the programming budget with \$500 left in the travel budget. Mora said that after RHA said they were not able to give certain clubs money they actually put money into the club accounts. Now these club accounts will have to be re-settled. Freeman said that the money from Steering does not role over so they could give the money back to RHA. She added that other clubs within the ESC still have unsettled accounts, so some of that money could be used for that. Leroy Mwangi suggested possibly giving HOH more money for their event because they have had funding issues. Sarah Kim said that this might be helpful because their members are buying their own leis, and because of a flood in Thailand where they get the orchids for the leis the cost has gone up. She said that they would like more money if possible, but they would need to know soon. Mora said that since their request was cut the committee agree to meet their requested amount. Kwon said the request was for \$1,500. Freeman said that it would be okay for HOH to return to Steering as long as they submitted another proposal. Mora asked how much the club would need. Kim said that they have cut a lot and they will get whatever they can afford, but did not provide a specific amount. Mora asked how much they need. Kim said that they would request around \$250. Mora told Kim to talk to her club, report back, and the process could be started. Freeman said that she believed that there is precedence for this. Mwangi agreed. Mora said that LSU's dinner will probably be negative by \$1,000 and that some of the new money from RHA might have to go to pay that balance.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM-

Simon Medrano said that he was collecting club names and contact information for groups that wanted booths at the Low-Rider Show. Kim confirmed that they could do whatever they wanted at the booths. Medrano said they just had to check and make sure groups weren't doing the same thing. Mora added that they couldn't sell food unless it was a bake sale because of health regulations. It was clarified that any proceeds made by the clubs would go to those clubs, not MEChA. Tania Quijada said that there will be food vendors there so even if clubs sold food they probably wouldn't sell as much. Kim clarified that if they had the right permits the clubs could sell food if they so desired.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS- Guests/Other Business

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives**A. QPOC Funding Request**

Alejandro Llamas said that the club decided not to hold the QPOC Dance Off because it doesn't pertain to anything they are really involved in. They are going to do it next year and revamp it to fit the club's involvement and interests. This year they are holding an event called undocuQueer led by Julio Salgado, a queer and undocumented speaker. He will come in to hold a workshop on current immigration policy. They will discuss legislation and how specifically it affects queer youth. Salgado will present, speak, and display some of his art pertaining to the subject. Llamas said they want to hold this event because it doesn't only apply to QPOC, but the undocumented community and the ESC as a whole. Mwangi asked when the event would be. Llamas said that this event would also be on May 16th in AW 210. He said they are requesting \$970 to pay for travel and lodging. The rest of the funding will come from co-sponsorships with the QRC and the SCIR. Part of the money that they are requesting would also go to publicity, \$50, and food, \$60. Freeman asked if the committee wasn't able to fund this, since it came to them with such a tight schedule, what the club would do. Llamas said that Aisha Kloub is working very closely with the QRC to co-sponsor the event and they might be able to pick up some of the slack. Freeman asked if the QRC is paying for any of the expenses. Llamas said that he wasn't sure and that Kloub knows more about the event than he does. Freeman asked if this would be a free event. Llamas said it would be and that it is a workshop and exhibition based event, so it is very interactive.

MOTIONESC-12-S-09 by Tien Nguyen

Suspend the rules of operations to change the QPOC funding request from an Information to an Action item.

Second: Timothy O'Connor

Vote: 8-0-2

Action: **Passed**

Duot asked if Llamas had any more information about the event. Llamas said he did not. Mora asked where the QRC is in the process of the contract with Salgado, and Llamas was unsure. Freeman asked if Kloub could get more information to the council. Llamas said she was busy until after the meeting was over. Freeman pointed out that they should be supportive of the request, but also be aware of the implications of last minute requests and setting future precedent. She added that in this case if a contract is being or is already made then they have to pay him. Nguyen asked when it was appropriate to suspend the rules of operations. Freeman said that this is a situation where it needs to happen, but it shouldn't happen when things are being planned in advance or there is neglect or oversight in planning. Mora said that last minute requests put a lot of pressure on the system because there is a lengthy process the request must go through and many people who handle it. Nguyen suggested telling the committee next year the process and how long it usually takes to get through the process so they can be aware of the implications of suspending the rules of operation. Duot said that the time limit for requesting money is four weeks before the event. Freeman suggested sending out or giving reminders to representatives to make sure forms are submitted on time. Jaradi asked if there would be enough time to work out the event if they pass the funding. Duot said that he believed that there would be enough time. Jaradi expressed her concern that there might not be. Mora said she didn't know if the flight and accommodations had already been paid for as well. Serica said that since it is more of an exhibition based event it will be easier to put together and is doable in a week. Mora said that timing on requests is important to be aware in the future, but with this situation there is no way to go back and they have to find a way to pay Salgado. She added that if the contract has already been made and

signed, they have to pay the performer. Llamas said he can find out if the contract has been signed and that the QRC is willing to pay for the expenses right now, but they are expecting to be paid back at some point. Kwon said that he thinks it is better to give them the money and plan for the worst case scenario just in case the QRC funding does not go through. Duot asked if Freeman could get this processed in time. She said it is possible, it just puts a lot of stress on people and sets a precedent for the future. Freeman added that funding could also be moved around if things needed to be paid for later or if the council needed more time to think about it.

MOTIONESC-12-S-10 by Leroy Mwangi

End discussion and move to voting.

Second: Howard Kwon

Vote: 7-0-3

Action: *Passed*

MOTION ESC-12-S-11 by Meghna Jaradi

Approve \$970 as a grant to QPOC for their undocuQueer event with the stipulation that they receive that stated amounts from their sponsors, and if they receive more funding from those or other sources they will receive less funding from Steering.

Second: Howard Kwon

Vote: 7-0-3

Action: *Passed*

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

None

IX. ROP REPORT

None

X. CLUB REPORTS -

A. ACC

None

B. BSU

Mwangi said that they had a discussion on the media's portrayal of African-Americans including the number of African-American's in primetime shows, what roles they play, and the message that is being portrayed by these characters. They are also co-sponsoring an event on the media representations surrounding the Trayvon Martin case. The club is also holding their elections for next year.

C. CSA

Kwon said they did an icebreaker at their last meeting.

D. FASA

Traci Watanabe said that the officers made a thank you card for the Steering members for giving them funding. They also have a relay for life team. They are holding a Super Smash Brothers tournament to raise money for their team.

E. HOH

Sarah Kim said that they are having another fundraiser at Sirena Gelato between 5 and 9 pm. She added that their luau is next Saturday. Tickets will be \$12 for students and \$15 for general admission. Next week they are making Acai Bowls to raise more money. She also asked if anyone had things to donate for the ESC basket.

F. KhSA

Routhea Duong said that they will be announcing next year's officers. Next week they are having a bake sale on Vendor's Row.

G. LSIJ

None

H. MEChA

Quijada said that their activity at their last meeting surrounded Cinco de Mayo and with that means to them as Latino/as. They are having their Low Rider Show soon. They are also holding their Friends of MEChA dance to raise funds for their scholarship. They will be holding the event in Mt. Vernon.

I. **MISO**

Timothy O'Connor said they had their big event on Saturday. He said it went fairly well.

J. **NASH**

None

K. **OPOC**

Alejandro Llamas said they are electing officers.

L. **SASA**

Jaradi said they are making Mother's Day cards on Wednesday.

M. **VSA**

Tien Nguyen said that they talked about pop culture in Vietnam. They played a game similar to Jeopardy with music. At their next meeting they will be talking about Vietnamese culture or what it means to be from any culture in general. They are also going down to Seattle for a sister group's heritage dinner.

XI. **OTHER BUSINESS-**

- A. Duot said that they would wait to talk about the status of the Russian Club until the new ESC Coordinator, Nate Penalo, could be in attendance to help with the process.
- B. Nguyen said that the Women of Color Empowerment Dinner is on May 18th. She added that if any club wants to put together a basket to auction off to give it to her. She said that there is also a scholarship worth \$2000 that will be announced at the banquet and the deadline is Friday.

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:10 P.M.