



Associated Students of Western Washington University

Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Charge & Charter

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I. CHARGE

To disburse programming funds granted by the Associated Students (AS) Board of Directors. To ratify new Ethnic Student Center (ESC) clubs from organizations recognized by the AS Activities Council. To serve as a forum for ESC interclub dialogue and support. In addition the committee shall uphold the Ethnic Student Center Mission Statement.

II. MEMBERSHIP AS Vice President for Diversity (non-voting Chair)

One representative from each current ESC ratified club (each rep will serve as a

floating co-chairperson at least once per year.)

~~Rotating Resource and Outreach Programs Representative (non-voting)~~

Secretary (non-voting)

ESC Coordinator/Activities Advisor (non-voting advisor)

III. CHAIR

The Chairperson shall be the Vice President for Diversity. They shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside at all meetings. There shall be a floating co-chairperson to assist the Chair in facilitating each meeting. The floating co-chairperson shall be appointed at the end of each meeting from the voting representatives. Each voting representative is required to act as co-chairperson at least once during the academic year.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The committee shall meet weekly with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

V. VOTING

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast. In the event of a tie, the AS Vice President for Diversity shall be granted the tie-breaking vote.

VI. QUORUM

A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.

VII. FUNDING

In the event there are any leftover funds in the Steering Committee budget at the end of the year, the ESC Coordinator shall have the authority to reallocate funds for the primary purpose of settling any ESC Club events accounts. This will be done with the discretion and advice of the Finance Director and AS VP for Diversity before the fiscal year ends. Any decisions made in the Steering committee may be subject to review or approval by the AS Board of Directors.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES In order to provide for coordination and direction, the committee may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the committee with respect to procedure.

IX. RULES OF OPERATION The committee may adopt and amend rules of operation governing its operation by a majority vote of the committee, subject to review or approval by the AS Board of Directors.

X. AMENDMENTS This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors .

XI. REPORTAGE This committee shall report to the AS Board of Directors through the AS Vice President for Diversity.