



Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Voting Members: ~~Present~~Present: ACC - Elesya Y., BSU - Shayla Humphrey, CSA - David Kirchmeier, HOH - Kelly Hanabusa, LSU Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor, MISO - Christina Dawson, NASU - Felipe Espinoza, QPOC - Gabe Barnów, SASA - Shahron Chaudhry, Hung Le - VSA

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng Duot

Co-Chair:

Finances: Assistant Business Director

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests:

Deng De Duot, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

I. REVISION TO THE AGENDA

None

II. INTRODUCTION

Deng Duot if you want something on the agenda come to the board. For a proposal, contact Nate and he will send Duot the document. There's a form online for the proposals and president's should know how to fill that out.

III. PARLEMENTARY PROCEDURE REVIEW

Panelo asked the group if they have any questions about parliamentary procedures. Shayla Humphrey said that they it will become easier as the year progresses. Panelo agreed and then asked the committee if they would like to do a trial to practice parliamentary procedure.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Panelo told everyone to go under the documents tab and there they would find an Ethnic Student Center (ESC) Committee Motions from 2011-2012 that Cindy had graciously put together for the committee. He said that it displays all the motions that were approved last year and how much money each club had asked for. He also added that they were all underwrites. In terms of this year, we're giving out the amount of money they need versus what they ask for to help get a good budget going, and if clubs see that they need more money, they can always come back and ask for more. Panelo said that everyone has access to \$24,000 from the funds and \$1,000 for any kind of travel expenses and those are the numbers clubs need to keep in mind. Humphrey asked that if the money fundraised by their own club goes to their own individual account and Duot said yes, that is how it works. If you don't think that a club should get the amount that they're asking for, then a proposal is made and you take that back to the club.

Panelo then brings up that the board approved the new charge and charter for this year. What happened last year was that there was a lot of money left over and Panelo could not access any of it. But with the new revisions, that is now taken care of. What the change in the charge and charter does is it gives the advisor the power to take care of whatever money is left over

by the end of the year. Duot asked if we have \$1,000 or \$2,000 for traveling. Duot then mentions that we have \$25,000 approved for funds for ESC clubs. This is separate from our \$25,000. It was then decided that \$1,000 wasn't enough for travel so they took out \$1,000 from the \$25,000 allocated for clubs so now \$2,000 is for travel. Duot added that this money is flexible. Humphrey asks if more clubs will be added to the ESC. Panelo said yes, it's a possibility. Felipe Espinoza said that Steering has been in charge of approving clubs in the past, but is no longer in charge of that. Duot stresses that this council will only be allocating funds. Gabe Bamow asked why these jobs were appointed to President's Council. Panelo said that they're in charge of those duties now because they have a bit more knowledge on those topics. Humphrey asked if the budget would go up if we get more clubs because that would be less money going out to each of the already existing 13 clubs. Duot said yes we are able to ask for more money, and if the board believes that it is a good idea, then they will add more money to our budget. Hung Le said his goal was to support the ESC and that he will be pushing to get the ESC and Steering more funds. The committee also expressed that they had concerns of president members making decisions without consulting their club members. Panelo said he's in favor of anybody who's part of an ESC club to have a say on anything. Duot expressed that President's council members will most likely always take decisions to their club's, and that they shouldn't worry too much on that. Espinoza said that there are few president members of President's Council that actually take the initiative to take things back to their clubs and others don't. Espinoza said that there should be a different process to voting so as to avoid bias and prejudices. Duot said that if something fails or passes because it was voted upon, it should be because committee representatives are representing their clubs as a whole and should be taking responsibility in taking everything back to their clubs. Panelo added that clubs should get together and come up with a consensus whenever they make a decision.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Steering Name Change

Duot said that because the responsibilities of Steering have changed to simply giving funds to the club. He then asked the committee if the name Steering was still appropriate. Panelo said this relates to the previous discussion of the change in charge and charter. The title of Steering committee is now somewhat misleading to others. Humphrey then asked if we forcibly need to change the name. Panelo said that we don't need to change the name, but it's recommended and we should consider it. Panelo said that the name Steering came from back in the day when the AS didn't really have too much structure and clubs would just get together and manage all decision with advisor Michael Vediola. They used to be the "steering" of the ESC. They were in charge of division mission and other things. He said that now, it has manifested to what we have today where this one group split into 2 which is now President's council and Steering Council. He said that now that we are only funding now, but back then this committee made all the decisions that concerned the ESC. Duot said that now the clubs can take that back to their clubs and come back with reports from the club next week.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:55 P.M.