



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU - Shayla Humphrey, CSA - David Kirchmeier, FASA - Devina Ramolete, HOH - Kelly Hanabusa, JSA - Mizue Aoki, KhSA - Dale Lay, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor, MISO - Christina Dawson, NASU - Felipe Espinoza, QPOC - Gabe Barnów, SASA - Jeeyan Noel, VSA - Hung Le

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances: Assistant Business Director

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests: Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

**Motions**

SC-12-F-04	<b>Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from November 6, 2012.</b> <i>Passed</i>
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**Deng Duot, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

*MOTION ESC-12-F-09*

by *Hung Le*

Approve the ESC-Steering Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, November 6, 2012, with revisions.

Second: Gabe Barnów

Vote: 10-0-4

Action: *Passed*

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT -**

Deng Duot said that Nate Panelo is absent, but he assumes there's been no change since the last report given November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM-**

None

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives**

Vicky is the public relations officer for the Chinese Student Association (CSA) and she was there to present their Lunar New Year Night which will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 in the Multipurpose Room (MPR), and are asking for \$700. Felipe Espinoza asked what fundraising they had done so far. Vicky said last year they had a bake sale in the spring. But most fundraising they do goes straight to their club account, not for things like this event. She just got notice that they've gotten funding from residency, as well. Felipe asked if CSA had spoken to or heard from the Cold Beverage Contract Committee (CBC). Duot then asked if they've had this event before. David Kirchmeier said that they have held this event about three times already. Duot said that CBC only funds first time events and speakers, therefore they probably won't get funding through them, but to try and see what they can do anyways.

He then asked if they'll be selling tickets. Vicky said yes, tickets will go for \$3 per students and \$5 for the general public. Espinoza asked if they as a club have had any luck with students from residence halls. She said as of right now they will distribute flyers and will see from them. She said they're making it more casual this year than last year so more people will be encouraged to check it out. Gabe Bamow asked if the food will be catered. Vicky said yes it's from campus services. She also added QQ Li's normally help donate for this event, but this year they won't know if they will be able to this year until two weeks before the event. Shayla Humphrey asked about how parking will work out for this event. Vicky said they've been told not to worry about it, but that she's going to look into it soon. Hung Le said that last year they only approved \$400, and then asked if they're expecting a similar amount and why they're asking for more. She said last year they were trying to make it more into a dinner but it didn't really work out. But this year, it's not really a dinner but a casual event. There'll be performances, activities, and snacks. Bamow asked if they're going to be holding a heritage dinner aside from this. She said no, while other Ethnic Student Center (ESC) clubs do heritage dinners, CSA holds this event. She said they also have their Night Market. They held it last year in October, but this year it will be in April. They're trying to make it more collaborative this year. She said people on campus made a good turn out last year and that this is a good way to get people involved.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS -**  
None

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

- A. Christina Dawson said the Mixed Identity Student Organization (MISO) is co-sponsoring and hosting the Middle Women Project. It's free and starts at 6pm. There will be free food, and it doesn't matter what time you arrive. There'll be resource booths and performances. Daniel asked if it's just for women. Dawson said no it's not. Espinoza said that it's open to everyone, and it's a huge project. It'll be this Friday in the MPR.
- B. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that tomorrow is the Outer Spaces Tour. He said ESC is got together with Queer resource center, the Women's center, SIRC, RHA and others to bring 3 speaking works and performance group. It's a 200 person limit but last year they had people outside of the door because it was free. He said it's a poetry and hip hop show. There's also a workshop in VU 367, but you have to sign up and register. In the workshop they will be talking about marginalized identities, women, and transgender. It will start at 7:30pm and doors open at 7.
- C. Espinoza-Gonzalez said he spoke to Patrick Stickney, who is Vice President for Legislative Affairs, and Duot about Lobby Day. According to their positions, they're supposed to offer a dinner for students of color during Lobby Day, which will be held in Olympia. Lobby Day is basically to connect students with their legislatures to talk to them about tuition and funding. This gives people of color to provide an input to them, too. This event is also very important for first generation students. It will be held on Martin Luther King Day. They will be riding the bus up that Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and arrive in the afternoon. The reception would then be Sunday evening. Then the actual Lobby day will be Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. For Lobby day, you need to register, and you also have to register for the student of color dinner which is still in the process of being made, but as soon as he gets that link, he'll send it to everyone. Deng said there are only 86 spots to go, but if there is more, we could work something out. Last year the majority of the students

that went were not students of color, only about ten were. Daniel said to him, that is an issue. Although we don't have numbers, we do have a big voice here at Western Washington University. He said Lobby Day is a day to have fun, rally, but to get real. He said people will be staying at the governor's hotel. Duot said that if you're from Seattle, they will get you a Seattle representative to talk to. They will match you with them. He said this is a very important topic. When talking about higher education, telling our stories has to be the best thing for them to hear. Patrick, Daniel, and he are all working on it as a team because they want to see this change. Daniel said the only cost would be providing yourself with lunch for the next day. Where you stay, transportation, and the dinner is all paid for. He is also organizing other opportunities to volunteer around the community that day if you can't attend Lobby Day.

- D. BSU will be making an opportunity to volunteer. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the PAC. Tickets are out, but it is free. The conference is at the Fairhaven College. Many from school and community will speak at the PAC. If you are going to volunteer, you don't need a ticket.
- E. Student Senate is looking for people to sit in and represent. Espinoza tells his experience from last year. He is assuming that there's change as far as it is run, but he strongly believes in it and student senate can be just as strong as the faculty senate. It's about changes and in the election process. If you really want to get informed this is great. You meet good people, and Christian is the head of the senate chair as well. Daniel said there's a lot of positive change and said that Christian is a great leader. He said it's a good way for those in your club to get a chance to get involved if they're not already in President's Council or Steering Committee. Daniel said you can get an application online, or talk to Christian. You can also speak to Victor Celis. Duot said that you can even ask Cindy Monger in the board office if you have any questions, she is awesome at directing people to where they need to go.
- F. Espinoza-Gonzalez said they also created the club exchange that will be this Friday. They're reserving the entire ree center for the evening. It will be like a lock in. The important part is the sessions for club communications, tools, etc. You can go to the middle women event, and walk over to the ree center to get involved with the club exchange.
- G. Deng said building unity is next quarter after Christmas break. They will have a joined meeting with Activities Council. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that we've talked about building unity today. He wants everyone's opinion for this new one. Last year they focused on the leader positions, but they're working on the actual building unity aspect on this next one. Felipe is asking if they're worried about getting to know each other. He said he hasn't heard of Activities Council showing up to anything, but he said it's most important for this committee to know each other first. He asked if there's more info they would like for this event. Shay la Humphrey had a question about Activities Council and what they do. Michael Swift said they have the same goal of distributing money for clubs and for transportation fees, and recognizing clubs as well. Espinoza-Gonzalez asked Swift if they have talked about building unity. Swift said no. Daniel said it would be good to get them involved. Felipe said he's for it, but not sure if this is a good event for them to be a part of.

- H. Espinoza-Gonzalez said the ESC gift exchange will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is the ESC. They'll also provide a meal, so if you don't bring a gift you are still welcomed to come down and eat. The cap is \$5 for gifts. It was successful last year, and it's a good way to get together and build unity.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:00 P.M.**