



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting**
Monday, November 5, 2012

Voting Members Present: ACC - Elesya Yindego; BSU - Raven Richardson and Christopher Craft; CSA - Zhao Zhuang; FASA - Sheridel Devera; HOH - Sarah Kim; JSA - Mizue Aoki and Joshua Ho; KhSA - Russel Porter and Pac Sok; LSU - Elly Mata; MEChA - Alyne Sanchez and Alanna Francis; MISO - Tiffany Law; NASU - Ashley Alvarez and Felipe Espinoza; SASA - Taranjit Johal; VSA - Shaun Ly;

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng Duot

Guestfsk TSA - Arisa Sudangnoi

Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M.

V. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Thai Students Association

Nate Panelo said because they are short on time, he will email everyone the TSA question and answer sheet where they have provided detailed description on how they will contribute to the ESC. The president for TSA, Arisa Sudangnoi, said that they just formed the club this year and now they want to get into the Ethnic Student Center. She said that it's a great foundation for clubs and for club growth. She said they want to increase the diversity at Western and to gain support and this would be a great way to do that. She said that they marginalize and there are students who are only half Thai and are there to learn more about their culture. She said that they would be maintaining their club through things like info fair, and publicity, networking. She said that they will also be going to Whatcom because they know there are Thai students there as well who could benefit from being a part of this club. She said they would definitely add support to this diverse community.

VI. ACTION ITEM

None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Alanna Francis from MEChA asked the committee how they want the meetings to be structured.

Whether it is through discussions or anything else. She asked the committee where do we want the ESC to go this year and how do we get more allies in advocates? She said whatever works to get all their voices heard is what she would like to see. She wants something to get the members passionate about going to the meetings, versus just going because they have to. She said last year was a lot more "laid back" so that everyone could be comfortable. She said we should structure president's council so that all council reps can benefit from the information distributed in the hour they are given each time president's council meets. Panelo agrees with her last statement. It was brought up that there should be a president's council bonding so that everyone feels comfortable with each other. Deng said what do we want to get out of president's council? He said that this is a good point that Alanna brings up. Alanna said that she doesn't see the point of this council other than approving other clubs to be a part of the ESC and that it should be so much more than that.

B. BSU is holding a conference and Duot would like President's Council members to try to attend. He said it's about how a lot of our people are incarcerated and how we are portrayed through the media. He said this is very important for the committee and encourages all to go. The conference will start November 17th.

C. Meeting Dates for the quarter: November 19, December 3

THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:34 P.M.