



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

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

Late: ACC - Niya Bordley

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances: Assistant Business Director

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests: Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

Deng Duot, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

None

II. FINANCIAL REPORT -

Nate Panelo said he doesn't have the updated amount, but will get them to everyone soon.

III. PUBLIC FORUM-

None

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. BSU Heritage Dinner Funding Request

Raven Richardson from the Black Student Union (BSU) said their heritage dinner will be on February 9th, which is a week from this Saturday. They are asking for \$2,500 for guest speakers and performers. Hung Le said he thought the MPR had a maximum less than what they are said to be expecting. Richardson said that the way the dinner will be set up will fit everyone who will be coming. David Kirchmeier said he thought the amount for decorations was high. Richardson said that they are working with catering and other services which is taking care of everything, and that's why it seems so expensive. Le asked about the advertisement and whether \$80 would cover it all. Richardson she said that she was under the impression that it would cover the full cost of advertising because all they will be doing is banners and a poster. Gabe Barnów asked why catering was so much, and asked to compare it to the Philipino American Student Association's (FASA) heritage dinner. Richardson said that it was based upon how much a plate costs, and that's why it's so expensive. *This Information item will come back next week as an action item.

V. CLUB UPDATES -**A. ACC**

Their last meeting was successful. They had new and old members show up and they will have another meeting in VU 564 tomorrow. They'll be having another election for Secretary and activities coordinator.

B. BSU

The Michelle Alexander event was a success and heard that the MLK discussion turned out well, too. Feb 5th from 12-1:30. They will have Dr. Degruy. She has a book that she wrote. It'll be free and her book is about using bodies and their cells. There will also be a luncheon, Which is RSVP only.

C. CSA

They're getting ready for the Lunar New Year event next Friday and they can use a lot of help with decorations. They will be getting together next Friday at 7 pm, and will also appreciate help from anyone willing to help with the actual set up

D. FASA

They have a meeting tomorrow in VU 464. They will be having a dodge ball game on court D1 at the ree center. More information will be on Facebook.

E. HOH

They'll be having an eating contest on Friday @ 5. It'll be \$5 to enter. It's a dish that is similar to a mix of seaweed and spam. Their meetings are at 6 pm, and their hula practices are at 7 pm right afterwards.

F. JSA

They don't have a set meeting date anymore because some of the members have class during meetings.

G. KhSA

They have a bake sale going on from 10 am-3 pm. He said they will be starting their coconut dance today after their meeting in AW 205.

H. LSU

Their meeting is today at 6 pm and they were contacted by TSA to have a potluck. She said they're hoping for next week or the following depending on if they can book a room to have it in.

I. MEChA

They didn't have a meeting yesterday, but this quarter they're trying out two meetings a week. Other than that, no updates.

J. MTSO

Meeting in ESC at 4 pm. Last meeting went well and they're looking to collaborate with Birnam Wood residents to recruit students.

K. NASU

They are working on fundraising ideas, and outreach efforts. Currently they are

working on their Pow Wow, which is everyone's priority. The Pow Wow will be in the spring.

L. OPOC

First meeting went well. They're trying to figure out how they want to structure the club and how to get more members.

M. SASA

Tomorrow they'll be bowling at 7 at 20th century, and it'll be \$6. Everyone is welcome.

N. VSA

Their next meeting is tomorrow at 6 pm in the ESC. Last week was their first meeting of the quarter and had about 40 people show up. They're also getting ready for their heritage dinner and starting dance practices as well.

O. Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

Lobby Day went really well and a few steering members also went. He said it was surprising meeting up with democrats and feeling their support. Some had harsh things to say about communities of color. He said that he met a young girl named Tiara who was wearing a Planned Parenthood shirt. She came from a low-income home and was very educated. He said he asked her why she was there to lobby for Planned Parenthood, and she confidently answered. He said everyone should have that same type of passion, for the sake of the future and our community.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION -

Espinoza-Gonzalez opened discussion for funding and the fact that Steering Committee has the same amount of money, but more clubs. He said that with his job, he works with this budgeting process and he's trying to get the funding to match up with the amount of clubs the ESC has. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that when events are putting up events, they are limited to resources versus working with other clubs because clubs have more people working on different parts of the event. He said culture representation can come through the parts they're working with. Their differences and similarities can bring them together and they can use this as an opportunity to educate others. This can lessen the stress on everyone, and use less money as well by combining events. He said heritages dinners are great, but that everyone can be more creative with events and come up with something else. Eva Ochoa asked if he saying they should combine heritage dinners. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that it doesn't have to be a heritage dinner, that they can make one big event with small portions of different foods to represent their cultures. They can have a band of some sort and celebrate together and have a good time. Felipe Espinoza said that last year NASU didn't have a heritage dinner, and did something else. But he said that heritage dinners are important. He believes that their differences are more important, but said he understands the point. Kirchmeier asked what has kept them from already doing this. Espinoza-Gonzalez said it has to do with pressure to put on a heritage dinner and tradition. He said that's not the case for every club, but for most it is. He said with how expensive that catering is now; they can't really afford for every club to have a dinner.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:43 P.M.