



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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU - Shayla Humphrey, CSA - David Kirchmeier, FASA - Divina Ramolete, JSA - Mizue Aoki, KhSA - Dale Lay, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor, NASU - Felipe Espinoza, SASA - Jeeyan Noel, VSA - Hung Le

Absent: MISO, QPOC

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances: Assistant Business Director

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests: Shawn Ly -VSA, Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

Deng Duot, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

I. APPROVE MINUTES

Tabled for next meeting.

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Felipe Espinoza said he would like to talk about the new way that president's council will be running their meetings and if they could also be implemented into Steering Committee meetings.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT -

Nate Panelo said it hasn't changed. Steering Funds are at \$20,772. They're waiting for money coming back from their FASA Heritage Dinner. The numbers from catering hasn't been solidified yet, so it's subject to change. He warns everyone to bring in funding requests slowly, since they still have the rest of the year to worry about. He reminded everyone that there is still a separate \$1,000 set aside for traveling.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. VSA Dinner Funding Request

Shawn Ly, president of the Vietnamese Student Association said overall they really want to enlighten the campus with their culture. They want to bring in the community of Bellingham to come. Audacity Crew, who has been on America's Best Dance Crew, will be coming as well to perform. He said they will also have a guest speaker talk about the transition from Vietnamese to America. He has reached out to a Peace Corps group and a retirement home as well. He said they will be doing the fan, hat, and line dance. In the past, attendance was about 250 people. They're trying to get 350 people to attend this year. This is their third heritage dinner. The benefit is that they will be bringing different backgrounds together comfortably and it will draw attention to their culture as well. Hung Le said that the overall costs are low. They want this to be a beautiful event. He said ticket sales in the past have gone well. They will be having it at Sehome High School because

it'll be a bigger venue. Espinoza asked how much they are getting from Kurt Willis. Le said that because they aren't going through Aramark, they aren't receiving this fund. Le said that they are getting someone who owns a food establishment in Seattle that has agreed to come. It will also be authentic because she makes this food on a regular basis. For table and supplies they'll be going local. He said they will also be saving more because they won't be paying performers because members will be putting on performances. Ly said they will just be paying gas for Audacity Crew to get to the event. Espinoza said he noticed that a large part is coming from Steering Funds. Le said that since they're not going through Aramark, they're only have chances to receive the diversity and RHA funds. Le said that the diversity fund only pays for performers, which they don't have to do, so it hurts how much they get. Le added they will also be having a silent auction.

B. Name Change

Espinoza asked how everyone wants to pursue this topic. Humphrey said they should come up with three possible names and shorten it to just one. Espinoza said it could even be a topic left for their next building unity event. David Kirchmeier said that we've spent a lot of time on this topic, and to him, it didn't seem like any progress was made in any direction. He said at this point, changing the name doesn't matter. He believes they've wasted enough time on this. He rather just have the title of this committee remain as "Steering Committee." Humphrey asked if it were to be changed, people would still call it "Steering" anyways. Duot agreed. He said because of the connection and historical background it has, it would be good for them to keep the original name. He thinks it sends a good message. He doesn't see any reason to why it should be changed. Espinoza added that in the future, others will have inspiration to change the title. Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez asked why they wanted to change the name. Panelo explained that historically, it was created around the idea of students and how they can better support on campus. He said that later, it became a funding committee which is different from what they really do.

C. President's Council Discussion

Humphrey is asking about what change was made in how they now run their meetings. Espinoza answered and said that they are looking at changing the way they facilitate the meetings. Ly, president of VSA, said they're trying out a new thing where two president's volunteer and facilitate the meeting biweekly. He said it's easier this way for them as students to bring up relevant points versus Panelo coming up with what the agenda will be. Deng said it's important for everyone to bring things to the agenda. He said it's a good way for everyone to speak and come up with different ideas. Espinoza said that this can bring other dimensions of the ESC. He said he thought maybe Steering Committee can try this.

VI. ACTION ITEMS -

None

VII. CLUB UPDATES -

A. ACC

No updates

B. BSU

They will be collaborating with LASA to have a potluck in the Ethnic Student Center (ESC).

C. CSA

They have two events coming up. They will be having a movie night next Friday, and they will have a hot pot night as well.

D. FASA

They have a meeting tomorrow in VU 464 @ 7 pm with B SU. They're having a retreat March 2nd from 2-9 pm. It's 5 dollars to attend and will be in AW 304. They're going to True Colors, have ice breakers, and other games. This week they have Valentine's Day grams, too. The money will go towards their conference in the Spring. They'll be selling packages that each have a bear, a cookie, and a card.

E. HOH

On Thursday they will have a joint meeting with VSA in AIC 205. On Friday, they are going to have a post Valentine's day recovery bake sale for "the heart broken". Tonight they have a Dodgeball game at 7 pm in Carver Gym D with FASA.

F. JSA

They had a meeting yesterday, and their next meeting is in CF 420 from 4-6 on the 25th. They're making traditional Japanese paper.

G. KhSA

They're going to hold a two hour long dance practice, and are still planning dinner. Have a bake sale, from 10-3 on vender's row.

H. TSU

Today they will be hosting a guest speaker with MEChA. He'll be showing a film about indigenous forest, people's rights, and how they're trying to take them back over drug cartels. Everyone is welcome to join, and it is after this meeting.

I. MEChA

They are doing a phone-a-thon and letter writing to politicians for the Dream Act. She said that this will begin on Thursday.

J. MISO

ABSENT

K. NASU

They went bowling, and MISO members showed up as well. They all had fun.

L. OPOC

ABSENT

M. SASA

They will be having their Heritage dinner April 9th. They're going to have performers and they're trying to bring a dance crew to perform. They will be having their next meeting at 5 pm in CF 225 for Valentine's Day.

N. TSA

They are selling cupcakes and said next week they will learn how to make sticky rice. They're selling it at their club meeting, which will be after this meeting in AW.

0. VSA

Shawn said that this week they're having a joint meeting at 6 pm with HOH in AW 205. They have been practicing their dances and they're putting a twist to them, too. He encourages everyone to go.

OTHER BUSINESS -

1. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that tomorrow the ESC has been involved with the Walk of Hope on Thursday in the MPR. He said communities of color have high rates of suicide. If you know someone or notice someone in need of help, bring them to this event.
2. Lobby day is on Monday.
3. Deng said FAFSA is due soon!
4. Recruitment and retention. If you have ideas on how to recruit people, let Deng know.
5. Espinoza-Gonzalez said that on Thursday there is an event happening at Bellingham High School at 7 pm. They're trying to put an end to women violence, so what the community has put together is a night of awareness and empowerment.
6. Co-facilitator next week: Dale Lay

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:50 P.M.