



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU - Shayla Humphrey, FASA - Divina Ramolete, JSA - Ena Mizuno, KhSA - Dale Lay, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor, MISO - Christina Dawson, NASU - Felipe Espinoza, QPOC - Gabe Bamow, SASA - Jeeyan Noel, TSA - Khwanchanok Weerakun; VSA - Hung Le

Absent: CSA

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances: Assistant Business Director;

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests: Jasmine Yumiko - JSA, Tarunjit Johal - SASA, Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

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

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

Nate Panelo said he Rachel Balberon will be coming in to talk to the council.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT-

Nate Panelo said there is no financial report this week, but he will bring something in next week. Hung Le commented that Gabe did a wonderful job at the Vagina Memoirs.

III. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS -

A. JSA Relief Effort Funding Request

Jasmine Yumiko, the JSA budget authority, said that they are having an event next quarter on April 11th. The event will be a tsunami and earthquake relief effort, and they want to do anything they can to help those affected. She said they need everybody's help to set this up. They are requesting \$310 from the ESC. She said they are having the event in the MPR. They will be making a video to present. The theme of the event this year is "Appreciation". Yumiko said there will be a dance and voice performance. She said they will sing a song about appreciation. Le said this is a cost effective event, and it's not a huge amount to ask for from Steering. Ena Mizuno said they're not charging for tickets, but they will be selling bracelets. Barnow asked if the proceeds from the bracelet sale would then go to Japan. Jasmine said yes. She said they don't need to pay the speaker, but they want to pay him \$50 for coming. Deng said the AS Diversity Fund is available for use, and he said that it would be a good use of funds. Steering rep said that they're not having any food at this event, so they won't be getting any funds from that.

B. SASA Heritage Dinner Funding Request

Tarunjit Johal, the co-president of SASA, said they're here to ask for \$3,000 from Steering Council. She said they're putting on a dinner with 7 performances, and that

it's their third time putting on this dinner in a row. They are planning on selling 250 tickets that will be targeted to campus and the Bellingham community. She said their performers are from outside of the community, so they'd have to pay for transportation. Shayla Humphrey asked if they have already received funds. Tarunjit said they are also doing a fundraiser at the Bellingham International Women's Stay. Barnow asked why there's a difference in totals. Panelo said that some of the numbers were incorrect, and explained the changes. Te commented on the expected ticket revenue, and asked if they're holding 40 tickets for members. Johal said yes, they're holding them for performers and members. She said the performers confirmed and they're all accurate numbers. Te asked if they're looking to use Aramark. Johal said yes. Panelo said they're looking at getting a caterer to cook authentic food in the kitchen, and if members can get food handlers cards, so they can help and reduce labor costs. He said this is still a process, and it is a lot of paperwork. Christina Dawson asked how many members there are in the club. She said they have 34 members on their roster this year. Dawson said she asked in case helping with prep work is possible. Espinoza said this event would bring in a high return, which they haven't seen before.

V. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VI. CLUB UPDATES -

A. ACC

They are currently planning their dinner. They are also having a 15-minute workshop to teach dances, which begin tomorrow during their meeting.

B. BSIJ

Their club is thinking about Spring Quarter, and an all white dressed party they want to have off campus. This will be a fundraiser, and are they are looking to collaborate with another club, but they aren't sure with which one yet.

C. CSA

Absent

D. FASA

This Saturday, they are having a retreat from 5-9 pm. They moved the time to accommodate to members. It will be in AW 304. People can make buttons and will have pizza and other foods. They will have Filipino icebreakers, and will also run workshops: first impressions, true colors, and identity. Then at the end, they'll watch a movie and karaoke. There's a registration link, or you can just attend.

E. HOH

They are planning their luau and holding practices. They have already purchased all the fabric for their costumes, so they're not taking more performers. But, if you want to come in and learn, you're welcome to do so.

F. JSA

They are having their event on April 11th event, and are making a video that people will talk about who they are thankful for. For this shoot, they want the ESC to go. They will be making this video starting Wednesday from 10-11 am in the ESC, and have several

other times.

G. KhSA

They are planning their dinner right now. They will be having a Menchies fundraiser this Friday and Saturday. They are giving out flyers for this, and officers have them, if you are interested.

H. TSU

They are panning on selling tank tops for the Spring, and have sign up sheets sometime this week or next week because they want to have them cheap. For their last meeting next week, they're going to have ice cream. It will be free and everyone is welcomed to come.

I. MEChA

They are not going to have a meeting; instead they are going to Changing Face of Seattle and they will then be going to El Agave afterwards.

J. MISO

They signed up for the AS club showcase tomorrow from 11:30 am - 1 pm, and then later they will have a meeting. They are looking for another club to have a potluck with. They also want to look for new members for next year.

K. NASIJ

They are working on the pow wow, which may or may not happen. He said it's up in the air because some things aren't working out and meeting deadlines.

L. OPOC

No updates

M. SASA

They have a BBQ on Friday, at 5 at Inglewood apartments. Everyone is invited.

N. TSA

They are having a Thai dance workshop today, and are hoping to have a Thai New Year gathering in April.

O. VSA

They have their last meeting next week. They are still working on their dinner, and are asking for an ESC basket for their silent auction.

Daniel Espinoza-Gonzalez

Espinoza-Gonzalez said this Thursday is the first time ESC has partnered with the environmental center on the Changing Face of Seattle. It is exciting because they have just received a confirmation on a speaker who will be holding a workshop. She is very young, but knowledgeable on the topic. They will also have short dialogue after she presents. For those that have club times on Thursday at 6 pm, it would be great if they could just go over because it's a great opportunity to have ESC unity. He said it will be in the fish bowl at Miller hall. They wanted to do it at a space that promotes conversation, and it's next to the café. He also brought up the International Women's Day. They have a weeklong event in the community. On Tuesday they have a performance/fashion show in display of fashion from different cultures. On Friday there will be a rally that starts on campus that will go to Chuckanut Brewery. It's open to all ages there, and it all takes pace at the

beginning of next week.

Nate Panelo

He said ESC weekly updates are about what happens in the ESC and are being sent out to everyone. He said only a 4th of those are being opened. He encourages everyone to look at them and utilize them as a resource. Panelo said he also sent in a request for a budget of \$30,000 for Steering so they can pull off large events next year. He said that he wants more to go to clubs so that they don't have to be stressed when putting on events. He then mentioned that he will be gone next week.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS -

A. Rachel Balberona

Rachel said they are putting a conference on May 4th from 11 am - 12 pm for future education teachers, and they are looking for performers. They are looking to reach to community colleges, high schoolers, and para-educators. They have one confirmed, but are looking for one more. If a club agrees to perform, they will receive \$100. She said she would need to know by March 13th if a club is interested. She said the more information you give about your performance, the better. Nate Panelo asked what type of performance they're looking for. She said they're looking for cultural group performances, and that they're open to anything. Humphrey asked if they first group they have has already confirmed. Rachel said yes, the Baile Folklórico group has already confirmed. She added that the \$100 honorarium will be given after the performance. Humphrey asked how long the performance should be. Rachel said it should be about 10-15 minutes. Eva Ochoa asked if the Baile Folklórico group they have is from WWU. Rachel said yes.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:46 P.M.