



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU -Shayla Humphrey, CSA - David Kirchmeier, FASA - Devina Ramolete, HOH - Kelly Hasubana; JSA - Ena Mizuno, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor,; QPOC - Talia Lowery; SASA - Shahron Chaudhry, TSA - Khwanchanok Weerakun;

Absent: KhSA, MISO, NASU, VSA

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances: Absent

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guests: ACC - Daniel Jean'baptiste and Elesa Yihdego, QPOC - River Reier

Motions

SC-13-S-01	Approve to suspend the Rules of Operation to make QPOC's Information Item into an immediate Action <i>Item-Passed</i>
SC-13-S-02	Approve to grant \$1122.13 for QPOC's conference in Portland, OR. In the form of an underwrite. <i>-Passed</i>

Deng Duot, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA -

None

II. FINANCIAL REPORT-

Panelo said that he has been using Trello, which is an online service. He has been using it with clubs when it comes to heritage dinners. He said Queer People of Color (QPOC) and African Caribbean Club (ACC) have already used it. He said for everyone coming to Building Unity on Sunday, they will have breakfast and maybe a barbeque if the weather is nice. At Building Unity, they will be walking everyone through this program. He said there is a Heritage Dinner every single weekend this month. He then opened an excel sheet that provided a visual financial update which included all the events that have been, or are in the progress, of being held. He said Steering has roughly over \$6,000 left for the remaining events (including today's QPOC and ACC funding requests). Deng Duot said that the committee has been doing better than last year. He said he wants to know what was done this year that is different than last year. Panelo said there wasn't an advisor last year. He also added that he thinks this year they have set good goals, which have been met. Panelo said these numbers are just an estimate of how much we have in our accounts so that the committee can plan ahead easier.

III. PUBLIC FORUM -

None

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Steering Representatives

A. ACC Heritage Dinner Funding Request

Daniel Jean’baptiste said they are asking for \$1,800. Their theme is “the Crown I Wear”. They want to go beyond materialistic things about royalty. He then explained that it represents how African and Caribbean’s are rooted in their cultural richness. The crown symbolizes the leaders who stood strong to discover their own royalty. He said it represents how they use that knowledge and power to make a difference and how they as individuals have their own identities along with that. He then explained how they use that knowledge and power as individuals to discover their own. Elisa Yihdego said that the crown also represents their struggles Represents struggles and family, and history. Metaphorically they all wear a crown. She then told the committee the breakdown of their budget sheet and how much each request is worth. Their event is April 27th from 6-9 pm, doors open at 5:30. Afterwards, they will be having a semi-formal dance celebration which will be from 10 pm-1:30 am. Panelo asked for ticket price. She said \$10 for students, \$15 for general admission. The dance is \$3 if you attended dinner, \$7 if you didn’t. Duot asked about the general ticket price. Yihdego corrected herself and said the ticket price for general admission isn’t \$15, but \$14. Duot asked what food they’ll be having. She said they will have Ethiopian dip, black beans, cream puffs, salad, and sweet and spicy Caribbean cabbage. Duot asked if they have attained the Willy Hart co-sponsorship. Yihdego said yes. They co-sponsored \$1,200. Duot asked what they will do if they don’t get the full amount from a co-sponsor. Yihdego said they may come back to Steering Committee if this happens. Duot said they encourage clubs to come back and ask for more from Steering if they don’t get the full amount elsewhere.

B. QPOC Heritage Dinner Funding Request

River Reier said they’re trying to go to a conference in Portland Oregon. 3rd annual conference. The theme is radical self-care in the decolonized mind, it’s about taking care of yourself, and how you interact with the world. They said the budget is \$1122.13. It is split between registration and lodging. They said the total per person would be \$300 for 12 people. Lodging would be \$444, and they added that they received a discount. They’re driving down on their own because there are no AS Vehicles available on the days they would need them. They said they have enough people to carpool. They said that they were hoping to get reimbursement. It’s .44 per mile, which would be \$700. They said they will be spending Friday and Saturday night. They will have a speaker, then a dance. They will then have workshops the next day, a keynote speaker at lunch, and a musician. They said that workshops haven’t been announced yet because they are still getting that organized. Nate Panelo asked how many people are going. They said they have done this budget on 12 people, but only 10 people may be going. Panelo asked if this will change the budget. They said that it would only be a \$70 difference. Duot said that’s not a big difference. Duot asked the committee how they felt about this because this conference is on April 12th, which is coming up. He said that the rules of operation should only be suspended if there is a need. He said it should only happen so that everything else can be done in a timely manner. He said it’s up to the committee. If they think it is okay, they can do it. If this would wait until next week, then it can. Ochoa said that it would only be fair because it was done for MEChA when it was also a last minute request. The committee agreed.

MOTION SC-13-S-01 by: Divina Ramolete

Approve to suspend the Rules of Operation to make QPOC’s Information Item into an immediate Action Item.

Vote: **8 - 0 - 3** Action: **Passed**

MOTION SC-13-S-02 by: Kelly Hanabusa

Approve to grant \$1122.13 for QPOC's conference in Portland, OR. In the form of an underwrite.

Second: Eva Ochoa Vote: **8 - 0 - 3** Motion: **Passed**

V. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VI. CLUB UPDATES -

A. ACC

They are currently working on their Heritage Dinner.

B. BSU

They are planning an event with ACC for their annual hair show. This will take place sometime around the end of April, or beginning of May.

C. CSA

They're voting on the design for club crewnecks. Humphrey asked about the design. Kirchmeier said they have at least 6 right now that they are working on, and doesn't remember all of them at the moment.

D. FASA

Tomorrow they have a meeting at 7 pm in VU 464. Their conference is coming up, so they're preparing for it. It costs \$30 for registration. They also have a Menchie's fundraiser tomorrow. May 4th they have PCA, and are doing auditions April 16th from 6-9. PSA stands for Philipino Culture Night, and everyone is welcomed to audition.

E. HOH

They are planning their Luau and are working on fundraisers.

F. JSA

They're planning their fundraiser, and are having a bake sale Wednesday and Thursday on Vender's Row.

G. KhSA

ABSENT

H. LSU

Next week they are having Latino Week. They will be having certain events during this week, and they will be tabling, too. It will be hectic because it leads into their Heritage Dinner. Ochoa said that she is also representing the Low Rider Show. She said it's their 13th annual show. It's an education event, and they have performers, and they will have booths for other clubs on campus. They're going to make it carnival style like they did a few years ago, similar to the AS Info Fair. They are encouraging clubs to have booths during the event for fundraising, recruitment, and to have games for children who attend the event. This event will take place in May. Duot asked if they will have a taco truck. Ochoa said yes, they will have two.

I. MEChA

They haven't met yet. They will continue to have two meetings every week, on Monday and Thursday.

J. MISO
ABSENT

K. NASU
ABSENT

L. QPOC
None

M. SASA
They are having their Heritage Dinner this weekend, and are currently working on their club performance.

N. TSA
No Updates

O. VSA
ABSENT

VII. OTHER BUSINESS -

- A. Duot said that last quarter they made a policy which states any club that misses three meetings, will have to face consequences in terms of funding (unless excused). He then stated all the club representatives who were absent last quarter. He said he wants everyone to be held accountable and it's important to make each meeting.
- B. Nate Panelo said Building Unity is this weekend. He said in the beginning, they want to do leadership type games. He asked if a Steering member would like to volunteer to be a facilitator. Panelo said that it's a bit last minute, but they're trying to make it happen.
- C. Duot said that they're he's having trouble with his schedule and steering because he has a class right before across campus at Fairhaven. He said that we can change the time to ten minutes after. Eva Ochoa said that it's fine, and said that they can do club updates while they wait for Duot to make the meeting every Tuesday.
- D. Kelly Hanabusa from HOH will be next week's co-facilitator.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:55 P.M.