



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU - Shayla Humphrey, FASA - Divina Ramolete, HOH - Kelly Hanabusa; JSA - Ena Mizuno, KhSA - Dale Lay, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor; NASU - Felipe Espinoza; QPOC - Talia Lowery; SASA - Shahron Chaudhry, TSA - Glao Weerakun; VSA - Hung Le;

Absent: CSA, MISO

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Finances:

Secretary: Madeline Espeseth

Guests:

**Shahron Chaudhry, Steering Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.**

**I. FINANCIAL REPORT-Nate Panelo**

\$22,860.13 has been granted so far, (this is what has been funded, excluding the money that has come back). Panelo said that if everything is approved up to this point it would be \$26,360 total. Steering is allocated \$26,000 at the beginning of the year, which would only put the budget over by \$26,000. However, many clubs have put on very successful events this year, which means money will be coming back into the account, which allows for further funding of events for the year. Panelo is still working on reconciling the funds in the account. So far most events have come out in the positive.

**II. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. FASA Culture Night Funding Request**

Pilipino Culture Night is coming up on May 4th; the theme is "Under One Sun" to encompass the diversity of the Philippines with many different backgrounds. One of the goals is to have a main theme that all the performances connect back to the theme. Jeremy Passion is the headliner. Half the revenue is being donated to "Playing for Kicks" which is a non-profit organization in the Philippines that provides shoes for kids who want to pursue sports. FASA is asking for \$1,000. Espinoza brought up that it seemed inappropriate for a committee member to be presenting this budget request. Duot dittoed. Ramolete said that she was unaware that this document was going to be discussed at this meeting; otherwise someone else from FASA would have been here. Le asked Duot why there was a miscommunication about this when this document was to be presented. Duot said that this document was brought last week but he was told that it was not ready to be presented, so he felt that it was the club's responsibility to know when their budget was to be presented. Duot felt that it was not in his job description to let a club know when their items are on the agenda to be discussed. Ramolote was very understanding that someone else from her club needed to be there to present. Espinoza-Gonzalez and Panelo also recognized that FASA has had a lot of events in the past week and that there should be some leeway because things are bound to fall through the cracks. Duot said this is about accountability and that all clubs should be held to the same standards.

**B. HOH Luau Funding Request**

Colin Bridges, the Activities Coordinator from HOH presented the funding request. The request is for \$2,500. It would help fund the 16<sup>th</sup> annual luau. It is May 18<sup>th</sup> in the PAC, which is also the same weekend as Back-to-Bellingham. They have sold out every year. Panelo said that the ESC has sponsor tickets available to students who are unable to pay for the tickets. Duot asked what food is being served. Aramark and an outside caterer are working together to provide a delicious plate. Duot said clubs need to think about why they are charging more to non-students and how this affects the families of students. Panelo clarified that general admission can be too high to pay for a child to come, so maybe there could be a children's price as well for kids under 12. HOH is making their own costumes, and only the students in the club are performing. They are shipping in flowers and trinkets from family in Hawai'i. Te thought this was a very reasonable request.

**III. ACTION ITEMS -**

None

**IV. CLUB UPDATES -**

A. ACC: Bordley said their heritage dinner starts at 6 pm and the dance starts at 10 pm.

B. BSU: Humphrey said their bake-sale is on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1 1-4pm on Vendor's Row and a Menchies fundraiser on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. They are working on the Hair Show which is on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Working on collaborating with ACC.

C. CSA: ABSENT

D. FASA: Ramolette said Jeremy Passion is playing at their heritage dinner. Doors open at 6:30 pm and starts at 7. Tickets are \$26 for general, \$10 for students in the PAC. They will be selling halo-halo.

E. HOH: Hanabusa said they had a Krispy Kreme fundraiser which was very successful. They're asking for donations for a multicultural basket for their silent auction.

F. JSA: Mizuno said they had a movie night on Monday and it went well.

G. KhSA: Lay said they had a successful heritage dinner.

H. LSU: Ochoa said their meeting tonight is at Boulevard Park. The Low Rider Show is carnival style this year. If clubs want to have a booth please contact the committee.

I. MEChA: Penor said the rally is on May 1<sup>st</sup> for farmworkers' rights. Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm they will be making posters for the rally.

J. MISO: ABSENT

K. NASU: Espinoza said they're beginning to work on Idle No More which will happen this November - they are trying to educate and inform people.

L. OPOC: No updates

M. SASA: Chaudhry said this Saturday they are going to UW to attend their event that is similar to a heritage dinner.

N. TSA: No updates

O. VSA: Le said they are working on elections for officers for next year.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS -**

- A. Please attend the VP debates tonight.
- B. Scholarships are available from the AS.
- C. Don't forget to apply for financial aid.
- D. Law school admissions counselors will be here 4-24 in FX 434 from 5-6.
- E. Empowerment Dinner Scholarship is due May 3rd.
- F. Culture shock is tomorrow in the ESC at 6 pm.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:40 P.M.**