



## Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Presidents Council Meeting

Meeting for Monday, November 19, 2012

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**Voting Members:** *Present:* ACC - Elesa Yindego; BSU - Raven Richardson and Christopher Craft; CSA - Zhao Zhuang; FASA - Sheridel Devera and Marie Serica; HOH - Sarah Kim; JSA - Mizue Aoki and Joshua Ho; KhSA - Russel Porter and Pac Sok; LSU - Elly Mata and Bernardo Serna; MEChA - Alyne Sanchez and Alanna Francis; MISO - Tiffany Law; NASU - Ashley Alvarez and Felipe Espinoza; QPOC - Kashmir Reier; SASA - Taranjit Johal and Soniya Pimparkar; VSA - Shaun Ly;

**Secretary:** Cindy Monger

**Advisor:** Nate Panelo

**Chair:** Deng Duot

**Guests:** Thai Student Association - Quan Tharngrakul, Le Chimchang, and Arisa Sudangnoi

### **Motions**

<i>ESCPC-12-F-02</i>	Approve to recognize the Thai Student Association as an AS Ethnic Student Center Club. <b><i>-Passed</i></b>
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**Deng Duot, AS Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:26 P.M.**

**IV. Guest Presenter: Kate Stevenson-** VU event services and reservations. Stevenson said getting space on campus is challenging, especially the Multipurpose Room on a weekend. She provided the calendar for the year so that people can look ahead at scheduling. Stevenson said that it is a lot of information and work for the heritage dinners. She really encouraged people to come and talk to her ahead of the dinner about all of the logistics. She has resources from past events to help out. She handed out a cheat sheet for working with reservations. There are typically a lot of people working on these events, but Stevenson said they should identify two people to work with reservations. These people will work with security, lighting, sound, etc. These are the only people who should be working with reservations. It gets really confusing when day of a lot of different people come in making requests. It is hard for reservations to know who is authorized to make these kinds of decisions. It is also important to figure out how many performers there are, the number of comp tickets etc. These numbers effect how many seats need to be available and how many tickets can actually be sold for the event. She said that FASA did an amazing job organizing their event this quarter. It would be really helpful if groups can have one cd or flash drive that has all of the sound and music needed for the event. This will make things flow much more smoothly. She likes to have the comp list and the program prior to so that security can have this list. She prefers for tickets to go through the box office. If they close out the box office and sell at the door there is a time period where tickets are unavailable. She encouraged the students to introduce themselves as event coordinators to the staff they will be working with. She also asked people to be aware of times when the building closes and making sure that the times in reservations are correct. She encouraged organizers to communicate with club members so that they know the most up to date information. Richardson asked if they could reserve the MPR the night before to have rehearsals for the event. Stevenson said that this is definitely an option if the space is available, but they will be charged for the extra time with the technicians. Another alternative is to use VU 565 as a rehearsal space. Serica wondered if there was a way to have a waitlist for tickets if people don't show up. She felt that there wasn't a good way to notify people that there are tickets available just before the event. Panelo is not sure what the best way to handle this would be. Stevenson said that perhaps they could have a list at the door of the event. Stevenson said there is also need to communicate between seating and

catering- there was an issue where people didn't have seats, but were going to eat and there were no plates for them. Panelo meets with reservations on Wednesdays to discuss large event reservations. Espinoza was concerned about events happening the same night as ESC large events. Exterior space requests still go through reservations but they involve more areas on campus. Please feel free to contact Stevenson at [Kate.Stevenson@wwu.edu](mailto:Kate.Stevenson@wwu.edu) VU 537, 360-650-4777.

## V. INFORMATION ITEM

## VI. ACTION ITEM

### A. Thai Students Association

Quan Tharngrakul, Le Chimchang, and Arisa Sudangnoi were in attendance to answer questions. There were no questions because last meeting was thorough. Espinoza would like to hear the dialogue that the clubs had about the Thai Students Association (TSA) joining. Francis feels that it is important that clubs had discussion about admitting TSA, but now they should just bring to the table the decision that was made by their club. Mata expected that everyone went back to their club and voted, if people did not do this then she hopes people will do this in the future. Duot said that Presidents should be taking everything discussed at PC back to their club meetings. Panelo said that right now the President makes the decision. If clubs want to change this process then it would need to be written into charge and charters. Ly wondered if an individual President could overrule the vote of the club. Sanchez thinks that if people didn't vote in their clubs then the PC vote should wait until the next week. Francis said that they already had a vote in their club and they would not overrule this, so if there was new information they would have to abstain from the vote until they were able to bring the new information back to the group. Richardson said BSU had a bonding gathering last week and they did not have time to discuss it at their meeting. Espinoza said that they did discuss and vote. There was a discussion about the nature of the ESC, they spoke about what if each native tribe had their own club, etc. But this is not necessarily TSA's issue, there was concern about diversifying their relationships with clubs that they don't already have connections with. He wondered if it was a precedence already in place. Francis said that this is already something that goes on in the ESC and is not really the responsibility of the club coming in to change the dynamic within the ESC. They also discussed how this would affect the ESC budget, MEChA doesn't request funding from Steering for the Low Rider show, but they did consider how this would affect the existing ESC Clubs. Espinoza said that NASU was concerned about the ESC Budget as a whole as well. Duot thinks that this is a good thing to bring up. If PC feels that they need more time to talk to their clubs then he feels they should get that time. Ho feels that the club is very inclusive and wondered if there was any reason not to have them join the ESC. Duot said that maybe in the future maybe they will have really specific clubs coming. There is also an issue of funding, he wondered if the money that they have today is enough for all of them. Asking the questions is not bad.

MOTION *ESCPC-12-F-2* by Sanchez

Approve to recognize the Thai Student Association as an AS Ethnic Student Center Club.

Seconded: Law/Reier Vote: 11-0-3 Action: Passed

Panelo would like to put a sub-committee together to create a club approval process. Ho, Sanchez, Francis, Reier, Espinoza volunteered. Mata said that there will be fifteen representatives in PC from now on and requested that more space be available at the meeting.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Dylan Koutsky, AS Public Relations Coordinator will be attending meetings from now on. Please feel free to contact him at [as\\_esc\\_pr@wwu.edu](mailto:as_esc_pr@wwu.edu) or 360-650-7274. Koutsky is here to work on communication within the ESC. He wants to make sure to publicize well, early and widely. Publicity needs to be in by at least 6 weeks in advance, he encouraged telling him right away about any upcoming events.
- B. Reier works in the Social Issues Resource Center and they are co-sponsoring an event with the ESC on Wednesday, November 28\*. Outerspaces: Power in the margins will feature Climbing Poetry, Invincible, and Las Krudas for a hip hop spoken word concert. ESC students are encouraged to attend. There is a workshop discussing women and people of color in hip hop history at noon in MH 231 that same day. Pre-register by emailing [as.SIRC.asst@wwu.edu](mailto:as.SIRC.asst@wwu.edu), or see the Facebook event. This program is about margins taking the most marginalized people and putting them in the center of power.
- C. Panelo said that the ESC has been trying to figure out the best way to communicate and hear people's voices. He would like to use the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to discuss how the ESC as a whole can discuss things better and make sure that student voices are being heard in processes that are happening. Francis felt that there were conflicts that existed at the beginning of the quarter and encouraged people to resolve those conflicts before the next meeting. Francis feels the ESC is closer and more in tune than many areas in campus. Even in times of conflict they are closer than other places, she encourages people to take that and be even better for it. Francis feels it will also be important to look at emotions that people had and how they can try to prevent this from happening again. Panelo said that they are going to try to put together a survey to try to get more input from other ESC members. The point is to open the conversation so that the ESC Staff can hear concerns, better serve the students, and help the ESC's reputation among everyone else. Yindego asked if they are going to speak about the tension in the room and the fact that they don't know each other. Duot said that they will focus on this at the next meeting. Koutsky said that they want to make sure everyone is on the same page as the conversation goes forward. Panelo feels like perhaps PC needs to start learning each other's name. Espinoza feels that Steering is friendlier than PC. Pimparkar doesn't feel comfortable yet and knows that there are ways that things happen at PC but she doesn't know yet how these things work. Francis asked if it is required that the meetings be so formal, she doesn't like the time limits and structure of the agenda. Duot would like the committee to have dialogue. Panelo said that historically the committee has been more flexible, but it has been more formalized because of admitting new clubs. Monger said that because the committee was looking at admitting new clubs or taking action they added a minute taker. This is so there will be historical records of why decisions were made and for instance, when clubs were admitted into the ESC. There will only be a minute taker if the group will be taking an official vote. Frances said that MEChA takes minutes and follows an agenda but it is more informal. Espinoza is fine with just having the agenda on the screen or on a white board. He thinks it is a big problem if they are not on the same page. Ho feels that the purpose of these meetings is to help align the ESC and move forward, so he thinks structure is important. Francis really appreciates the opinions of the new people on the committee because it helps to bring in new perspectives. Ly feels like the meetings go really slow and that they can vote faster. Panelo said that Presidents Council used to be helping each other and having discussions. Things have changed as the committee has taken on more responsibilities.
- D. Last meeting of the quarter December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THE OFFICIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:34 P.M.**