



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Voting Members: ACC - Niya Bordley, BSU - Shayla Humphrey, FASA - Devina Ramolete, HOH - Kelly Hanabusa; FASA - Divina Ramolete, JSA - Mizue Aoki, LSU - Eva Ochoa, MEChA - Hayley Penor; MISO - Mickey Corsano; NASU - Felipe Espinoza; QPOC - Talia Lowery; SASA - Shahron Chaudhry, TSA - Glao Weerakun Glao; VSA - Hung Le

Absent: CSA, KhSA

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Deng De Duot

Secretary:

Business Assistant: Taylor Franks

Guests:

Hung Le, Steering Committee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nate Panelo said that Mayra Guizar is gone and there are no meeting minutes to approve.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT-Nate Panelo

Panelo said he has tried to get numbers as close as possible. Steering has approved \$25,660.13. He said we were allocated \$26,000. He said this is not including steering committee paybacks from underwrites. He said that we should be getting a good amount back. He said BSU is bringing back \$300, VSA is bringing back close to FASA is bringing back around \$800. He said the reason why is because they have tried to allocate closer to what is needed, versus more than what they need. He said they have no more events coming up, but they do have a couple of funding proposals coming in. Deng Duot asked if we will still have funds for the request that is in today. Panelo said they definitely do. He said they have 8 events whose accounts haven't been settled yet, and they all have funds coming back.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

None

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ESC Graduation Commencement

Panelo said that being that this is a new event, there are a lot of additional costs that they need to make up for because it's not built into their budget, but he thinks that Steering committee could be helpful for the prices, specifically with the stoles being given out. He then directed everyone to the documents of what they will look like. He said these will be given to all the ESC graduates, coming June 14th. The ESC hopes that this could be a tradition for every single graduate, and you can use this to walk down the aisle when you walk and get your diploma. He said every graduate will be receiving their stole at the event, and you can see the invoice of the cost of every individual stole. He said they are expensive, so they are around \$22-\$23 each. He said BSU knows because they are ordering theirs right now. He said they want these to be free of cost to the students, because the ESC knows how hard everyone has worked at their time at Western and they believe that this should be their token of appreciation to them. He said it's a really good

feeling to show that off after graduation and hang it up. He said that they already have money from Kurt Willis, too. He said they want to make this a food event for them and their family. He said that there is no revenue because they're not making any money from this. Eva Ochoa asked if they have already received funding from Diversity fund. Panelo said they are waiting for that one. Espinoza asked how this will be funded in the following years. Panelo said that is a good question. He said that it will be included in next year's budget. He said that as staff they decided that it's important to recognize their graduates and clubs. He said hopefully through programs that they budget for this actual event next year so they don't have to come to Steering to ask for this again. Espinoza asked if this would affect Steering funds set aside. Panelo said no. He said that allocated funds for Steering Committee are directly for benefiting the students. He said that these stoles are only for ESC graduates. Polly Woodbury said that she noticed for next year's budget, it wasn't requested to have any increase. Panelo said that program funding the ESC has for the staff to provide programs for the whole entire year aren't just Daniel's account. He said that with the brand new year, they weren't able to put that proposal into account because these were requested in February, and they didn't have time to do it. Espinoza said his only concern is that he doesn't want it to negatively impact the resources that steering can provide students as far as events go. He said that the stoles would only be for ESC graduates while events reach the broader community. He said he's not against it, because he thinks the stoles are really cool, but he just wanted to voice that. He said they should find a balance because all these funds should be focused on events versus the programming events like Culture Shock. He said that they should be student driven events that should be funded.

V. ACTION ITEMS-

None

VI. CLUB UPDATES -

- A. ACC: Bordley said elections are tomorrow.
- B. BSU: Humphrey said the hair show was successful. She said they had a joint meeting with MEChA after their elections.
- C. CSA: Absent
- D. FASA: No updates
- E. HOH: Hanabusa said they're last meeting is on Thursday at her house, and it will be a potluck.
- F. JSA: Aoki said their bake sale was today and they will be having another one tomorrow from 10 am to 3 pm. She said their last meeting is next Monday and it will be a study night.
- G. KhSA: Absent
- H. LSU: Ochoa said their last meeting is tonight.
- I. MEChA: Penor said they are playing kickball with BSU this Thursday and an end of the year potluck on June 1st.

J. MISO: Corsano said elections are coming up on Thursday. They have a potluck coming up for their last meeting.

K. NASU: Espinoza said the point meeting with MISO last week, and will be doing elections this week.

T. OPOC: Towery said their elections will be held tomorrow.

M. SASA: Chaudhry said their officer elections were last week.

N. TSA: Weerakun said tonight is their last meeting, and they will be meditating. She invited everyone to join them if they would like.

O. VSA: ABSENT

VII. OTHER BUSINESS -

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:48 P.M.