



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

Voting Members: *Present:* ACC -Jaleesa Smiley, BSU - Ajane Burnley, CSA -Jessica Chong, FASA - Glen Nguyen, Michaela Vendiola -HOH, Scott Takai -JSA, KhSA -Ryan Chiu, KS A - Connie Cho, TSU -Jacqueline Chavez, MISO -Mickey Corsano, NASU -Nick Courtney, QPOC -Talia Towery, SASA -Nardeep Kaum, TSA -Glao Weerakan, VSA -Nathan Nguyen *Absent:* Diana Cervantes -MEChA

Advisor: Nate Panelo  
Chair: Mayra Guizar  
Finances: Assistant Business Director  
Secretary: Sheridel De Vera  
Guest(s): Cristina Rodriguez

**MOTIONS**

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| <b>SC-13-F-2</b> | Approval of the minutes of Tuesday October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 <b>-Passed</b>   |
| <b>SC-13-F-3</b> | Approval of the <b>\$739.50</b> for Oregon Students of Color Conference <b>-Passed</b>  |
| <b>SC-13-F-4</b> | Move to Suspend the Bylaws to make Native American Student Union’s Funding Request an Action Item <b>-Passed</b>                            |
| <b>SC-13-F-5</b> | Approval of the <b>\$2,500</b> for NASU from Underwrites for the ‘WWU Native American Heritage Month Celebration Conference’ <b>-Passed</b> |

**Mayra Guizar, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION SC-13-F-2 by Courtney*  
Approval of the minutes of Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Second: Corsano Vote: 15-0-0 Action: **PASSED**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Adding NASU Funding Request to information item b.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT-** Nate Panelo/Taylor Franks

Nate Panelo said that they will talk about the financial report of this upcoming year and last year, at next week’s meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS—Guests/ Other Business**

MEChA Funding Request

Cristina Rodriguez is the liaison for National MEChA. MEChA is requesting money for the Chicago Conference on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The funding will cover the money for shuttle to Bellingham to the airport as well the flight. She said that she will be receiving \$100 from MEChA. The conference will consist of ten different regions that will come together to talk about social

justice issues going on with their specific regions and will discuss plans of actions as well as their regions updates. Rodriguez said she will relay the information at the conference to the Pacific Northwest Chapter.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS-

### a. Oregon Students of Color Conference Funding Request

Mayra Guizar said that she spoke with the Business Office to ask about, if the students do not spend the money given to them for food. The Business Office said that there is no process for keeping track of receipts or what type of food students use the money for. Guizar said that if the funding is approved the Orgsync application for the conference will be live until Tuesday 1:00pm. The link will be include in the emails and posted on social media. The Club Hub agreed to help out with the application process. They will delete the names on the application will assign a number.

#### **MOTION SC-13-F-3** by Smiley

Approval of the \$739.50 for Oregon Students of Color Conference

Second: Weerakun

Vote: 15-0-0

Action: **PASSED**

### b. NASU Funding

Nick Courtney said that on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> the Native American Student Union will be hosting 'WWU Native American Heritage Month Celebration Conference' in Miller Hall Collaborative Space. At this event there will be snacks and an intro and closing blessing. Friday's event is mostly for Western students and faculty but everyone is welcomed to go. This event will continue on to Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room at 3pm. There will be Lumi and Nooksack guest speakers and dinner will be served. Courtney said that salmon has been donated for the event however Aramark is still needed in order to prepare the food and serve the event. The \$3,750 for food is for Aramark's set up and service fees. Since there is a limited amount of food, there will need to be tickets (about 300) in order to provide enough food for everyone, however they will not be charging for tickets. The club does not want to make a profit from the event, however if they do have extra funds they will put the money in underwrites. Tickets will be offered to WWU students and faculty, and Lumi and Nooksack communities and Northwest Indian College. Honoring Lumi and Nooksack land by bringing speakers to the event such as Nina Watson and Juanita Jefferson. At this event they are bringing in the founders of the movement of 'Idle No More'. Coumey said that the club wanted to give a blanket for the guest instead of paying them with a monetary gift. Panelo said that any of the funds coming out of the ESC SC funds cannot be used as gifts for the guests. Courtney said that the ESC SC funds will be used for lodging and travel expenses for the guest speakers. He said that WWU Native American Heritage Month Celebration Conference will be the only funding the club will be asking for this school year. The Spring Pow Wow will be paid for in grants and can only be used for the Pow Wow and no other event. Guizar said that since the event is coming up soon, someone from the SC will need to move to suspend the bylaws in order for NASU to receive their funding in time. Panelo wants to add that if the committee agrees to suspend the bylaws and grant the funding to NASU today, they cannot bring back that information to their clubs and ultimately make the decision on behalf of their club. Guizar said that once a decision has been made, the SC members can take back the information to their clubs and have a discussion as to why this decision was made and the timeline.

#### *MOTIONSC-13-F-4* by Nguyen

Move to Suspend the Bylaws to make Native American Student Union's Funding Request an Action Item

Second: Burnley

Vote: 15-0-0

Action: **PASSED**



**Thai Student Association**

Glaow Weer akan said that the club will be having a joint meeting with SASA and HOH on Halloween.

**Queer People of Color**

No updates

**Vietnamese Student Association**

No updates

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. REP Legislative Proposal**

Matt Bobbink will be in Olympia lobbying for student issues. Western Votes is Western's student advocacy, it is the number one best way to make an impact for the lives of students, like for fighting for tuition. Last year each lobbyist focuses on a school agenda, last year's lobbyist focused on the Dream Act. He suggest that someone from the group can draft up the Dream Act. He said that he is here to help with whatever the students want to do on the legislative agenda. He said that any issues that you want to work on, they can do it.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:00 P.M.**