



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Voting Members: *Present:* ACC -Naima Scego, BSU - Ajane Burnley, CSA - Jessica Chong, FASA - Glen Nguyen, HOH - Michaela Vendiola, JSA - Scott Takai, KhSA -Ryan Chiu, KS A - Connie Cho, TSU - Jacqueline Chavez, MEChA - Patrica Pacheco, NASU - Camille Senn, QPOC - Derek Reinhardt, SASA - Nardeep Kaum, TSA - Katharina Funke, VSA - Conner Richardson, *Absent:* MISO

Advisor: Nate Panelo

Chair: Mayra Guizar

Co-Chair: Ryan Chiu

Finances: Kaleb Ode

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

**MOTIONS**

<b>SC-14-W-10</b>	Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
<b>SC-14-W-II</b>	Approve to suspend the Rules of Operation
<b>SC-14-W-12</b>	Approve \$1,400 in the form of a grant for MEChA National Conference travel with the stipulation not to exceed over \$1,400 from grants

**Mayra Guizar, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION SC-14-W-10 by Burnley*

Approval of the minutes of Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Vote: Pacheco 13 - 0 - 1

Action: Passed

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT-** Nate Panelo

Tabled to other business

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

A. LSU Heritage Dinner Funding Request

The representatives from the Latino Student Union reported that the club is requesting \$1,500 for the Heritage Dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the VU MPR. The request will cover VU event services, publicity and food costs. The dinner menu consists of enchiladas, black beans, salad, churros and empanadas. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for general admission. The club has not yet finalized the key note speaker. The event's entertainment will include a live band from Seattle and student performances. The club has not heard back from the other sponsorships but is supposed to hear back from Residence Hall Advisory on Thursday.

B. MEChA Travel Funding Request \_\_\_\_\_

Cristina Ramirez reported that MEChA is requesting money to bring four club members to the National MEChA conference at the University of Northern Colorado from March 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The club is asking funding transportation for four plane tickets and four shuttle bus tickets that will take the attendees to the Denver Airport to the University. The cost of the shuttle tickets is \$50 per person, for a total of \$200 for only the shuttle transportation. Ramirez said that she looked at plane ticket prices recently and the costs has increased. Each plane ticket is \$238 for a total of \$952. That is a \$152 increase for plane ticket costs from the original budget. The four students have been attending the chapter and regional meetings and the goal is to have the opportunity to go to the national conference. The national conference includes workshops. Ramirez said that she included in the Funding Request description how the conference will benefit the student at large and how it fits with the Ethnic Student Center mission statement. The request is also to fund the \$40 registration fee for each student. Nate Panelo reported that Diversity fund is not allowed to cover transportation costs or food, therefore the students will be paying for food out of pocket. Ramirez said that the attendees will only be paying for food for one meal a day since the conference will be providing the rest of the meals. Ode said that the business office is not a fan of reimbursements if the club is trying to use club money to cover the costs of food. Panelo said that there is money set aside from the Steering budget that is flexible. He said that there is a guideline for either \$1,000 or \$2,000 for travel. Guizar thinks that the amount is \$1,000 but it is flexible. Panelo said that it is up to SC to figure out how much to allocate to travel. Panelo reported that the budget estimated \$1,000 to fund for travel. Panelo said that there will need to be a motion to suspend the bylaws since the conference is next week. Connie Cho said that \$1,500 could be considered over allocating. Panelo said that historically, the reason why travel is budgeted as \$1,000 is because clubs did not use SC for travel funding. The travel amount was air marked to allow clubs to go into the Steering budget to fund travel. \$33,000 was allocated to Steering to be disbursed however SC would like including travel. The \$1,000 is really a guideline to let clubs know that club are able to request travel funding from Steering. Panelo said that the request would be funding as either a grant or underwrite. Guizar reported that the travel amount can be bumped up since more clubs are joining the ESC. Panelo said that the travel allocation can definitely go over the \$1,000 guideline. Ramirez said that if SC cannot fund the total amount, then the club members cannot attend the conference. Derek Reinhardt said that he supports MEChA going to the national conference because he thinks that the reason that there is \$1,000 in the account is for there to be money set aside. However, SC can always add more money to the account. He said that the reason why the travel funding started is because a couple years ago, QPOC tried to go to a conference but the travel account was not within the budget.

*MOTION SC-14-W-11 by Reinhardt*

Approve to suspend the Rules of Operation

Second: Vendiola Vote: 15 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

*MOTION SC-14- W-12 by Nguyen*

Approve \$1,400 in the form of a grant for MEChA National Conference travel with the stipulation not to exceed over \$1,400 from grants

Vote: 13 - 0 - 1 Action: Passed

C. TSA and KhSA Heritage Dinner Funding Request \_\_\_\_\_

Katharina Funke reported that TSA and KhSA are requesting \$2,500 for their joint Heritage Dinner on April 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be the first time there is a combined dinner. The theme is 'To the New Year: A Tale of Two Countries'. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general. Thai and Khmer food will be served at the event. The clubs have not head back from Diversity Fund and RHA has not received any feedback. If the other sponsorships fall through, the clubs had a fundraiser that gained \$500 in revenue. Ode reported that the two clubs have been on top of all

the forms and he reminded the clubs to turn in the form in a timely matter. Panelo said that the performance cost will be \$140 instead of \$200

**VI. ACTION ITEMS-**

**VII. CLUB REPORTS**

**African Caribbean Club**

No updates

**Black Student Union**

No updates

**Chinese Student Association:**

There will be a potluck this Thursday

**Filipino American Student Association**

Sushi Night will be next Friday in Richmond B.C.

**Hui O' HawaPi**

No updates

**Japanese Student Association**

No updates

**KliMer Student Association**

No updates

**Korean Student Association**

There will be a Potluck tomorrow in AW 210 at 5pm. The room will be reserved for studying afterwards.

**Latino Student Union**

LSU's Heritage Dinner is April 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be study nights next week.

**Mixed Identity Student Organization**

Absent

**El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán**

On Thursday MEChA will be having a game night

**Native American Student Union:**

There will be a meeting tomorrow at 8:30 tomorrow in the ESC to plan the pow-wow

**South Asian Student Association**

No updates

**Thai Student Association**

The Heritage Dinner will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Queer People of Color**

No updates

**Vietnamese Student Association**

VSA's Heritage Dinner is this Saturday

**ESC**

Study session for the ESC will begin next week. There will be a 'Take a Break and Skate' ice skating event on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS -**

Panelo said with the upcoming events budgeted, there will be still \$7,000 left in the account. Currently, there is \$13,000 remaining in the account. He said that is not including the underwrites of past events that will be coming back to SC. He said that historically, the ESC has brought over \$7,000 back into the account at the end of the year. He said that the budget is looking really good and he does not know if SC can allocate enough money to get the account as close to zero by the end of the year. In terms of the MEChA National Conference, he feels that SC can afford to cover the full cost. Panelo said that last year, SC spent money in June. He said that it was a good thing because all the accounts were settled and the ESC brought back \$4,000. In 2011-2012, SC was left with \$2,000. Last year \$214 was left in the account. Guizar said that if SC had no more money in the account, SC would have to dip into Associated Students funding. Once all the accounts are settled for previous events, AS would then be reimbursed with that money. Ode said that the AS does have extra funding, however there would be bureaucracy involved to decide if AS can fund the request. Guizar said that AS would approve the request if the ESC events have been previously planned and are annual events. She said that the AS would see the ESC funds as not efficient, and might fund more money in the future. Ode said that does not mean that SC should over allocate and expect an increase of SC funding.

Connie Cho will be co-chair next week.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 4:48 P.M.**