



## Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 17, 2015

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**Non-Voting Members:** Cristina Rodriguez (VP of Diversity), Teena Thach (ESC Marketing and Outreach Coordinator) Kaleb Ode (AS Assistant Business Director), Nate Pane lo (ESC Coordinator)

**Voting Members:** Shiffite Awel (ACC), Marya Draw (BSU), Ting Wang (CSA), Annie Chen (JSA), Laksmi Van (KhSA), Enrique Hernandez (LSU), Patricia Pacheco (MEChA), Kenny Dang (VSA)

**Secretary:** Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

*Cristina Rodriguez, VP of Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm on February 17<sup>h</sup>, 2015.*

### I. APPROVE MINUTES (1-20-15)

Minutes were not uploaded to Orgsync. Item tabled until next meeting.

### II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Cristina Rodriguez approved the addition of the Black Student Unions' funding request to the Agenda under Information Item B, and moved the African Caribbean Club's funding request to Information Item C.

### III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Nate Panelo said that spending is on track, and hopefully some money will be coming back to the Committee following the completion of several events that the Committee has funded recently. The process has been slow due to the new process the AS has been using.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Japanese Student Association - \$2000

Annie Chen said the JSA is requesting \$2000 for the Japanese Heritage Dinner being held on March 7<sup>th</sup> in the VU Multipurpose Room. The theme is Cherry Blossoms, the heavily celebrated Japanese trees that bloom in the springtime.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

B. Black Student Union - \$1,300-\$ 1,935

Andrea Thompkins said that the BSU is asking for money to fund a number of their members to attend the Women of Color Conference in Chicago on March 26-29<sup>th</sup>. This conference is dedicated to engaging in grassroots organizing projects, critical conversations, national actions, transnational campaigns, and community building strategies to end colonial, racial, and gender-based violence against women of color, trans and queer people of color, and our communities. Thompkins said the range was given because they do not yet know how many representatives will be attending the event. They will have an exact number of representatives at the next meeting.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

C. African Caribbean Club - \$500

Shiffite Awel said that the ACC is putting on their Caribbean Carnival event at 6 on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Carnival is an event celebrated in many different ways across the Caribbean, and this is the first time the event will be celebrated on the Western campus. There will be food, dancing, and fun activities. Combined with ACC's revenue fund, the amount the club requested would fund the entire event.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

V. CLUB UPDATES

ACC - planning of the Caribbean Carnival event. Pre - Carnival potluck to spread awareness tomorrow at the meeting.

BSU - Putting the finishing touches on the heritage dinner this Saturday

CSA - No meeting this week, taking it off to celebrate finishing the Lunar New year event

JSA - Next week's meeting is Jacuzzi night. Bake sale on Thursday from 10-4

KhSA - Meeting today at 7. We need people for the coconut dance

LSU - Meeting tonight at 7 in the ESC. Planning heritage dinner

MEChA - The Lowrider Show is in planning stages. Anyone interested in helping can contact MEChA for more information.

VSA - Planning for heritage dinner and Vietnamese New Year

ESC - A donation box has been set up In the ESC for students to donate winter clothes. A new scholarship is available: the Washington State Opportunities Scholarship, due March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Application information will be posted on the Facebook page.

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Nate Panelo said that although the Committee hasn't had a meeting in several weeks, he requires Club Updates from everyone.

***Cristina Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm***