



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center President's Council Meeting**

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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**Non-Voting Members:** Aleyda Cervantes (AS VP for Diversity), Simon Bahta (ESC Director), Alan Alatorre-Barajas (ESC Cultural Education Coordinator)

**Voting Members:** Chyna Cha (WHSA), Danny Duok (KhSA), Ryan Hoveskoland (CSA), Nathaniel Williams II (BSU), Meredith Karbowski (HOH), Anna Monkah (ACC), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (MEChA), McKenzie Bolar (MISO), Elizabeth Perez Garcia (MEChA), Victoria Matey (Blue Group), Keiichi Takano (JSA), Tina Shirasu (JSA), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Thu Nguyen (VSA), Duy Nguyen (VSA), Karina Quiroz (LSU), Mia Amaranto (FASA)

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Rosa Sanchez and Kat Durning (Qualitative Research Team)

**Secretary:** Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

**MOTIONS**

**PC-16-F-01** - Motion to approve the minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**- PASSED**

**PC-16-F-02** - Motion to suspend the by-laws. **- PASSED**

**PC-16-F-03** - Motion to change the name of Hui O' Hawaii to Oceanic Student Association. **- PASSED**

**Aleyda Cervantes, AS VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on October 11, 2016.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Cervantes explained how to approve the minutes.

**PC-16-F-01 by Vicky Matey. Motion to approve the minutes from the 9-27-2016 meeting.**

**Second: Perez Garcia**

**Vote: 15-0-0**

**PASSED**

## II. Revisions to the Agenda

Cervantes asked if there were any revisions to the agenda.

## III. Info Items

A. Hui O' Hawaii club to Oceanic Student Association

Karbowski said that for the past year, HOH has been trying to change their name. They teach the dances from all the Oceanic cultures, and learn the histories from all the different islands. They feel that they have a very exclusive name. Karbowski said that she was initially reluctant to join the club because she was not Hawaiian, but when she went to a meeting she learned that no one was Hawaiian. Quiroz asked what the distinction was for an Oceanic culture, and Karbowski said that the islands mostly ending in -Nesia were Oceanic, except for New Zealand.

**PC-16-F-02 by Cindy Marquina-Negrete from MEChA. Moved to suspend the by-laws.**

**Second: Quiroz                      Vote: 15-0-0                      PASSED**

**PC-16-F-03 by Marquina-Negrete. Moved to change the name of Hui O' Hawaii to Oceanic Student Association.**

**Second: Bolar                      Vote: 14-0-1                      PASSED**

## IV. Esc Lobby Day

Cervantes passed around the agenda from Viking Lobby Day last year so that people had a good idea of what the agenda would look like, as a model for ESC Lobby Days. Cervantes said that the council would be working with the LAC. There would be a budget which the council could use. She said that the event took place over the course of Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend and there would be different focuses each day.

Cervantes said that someone would take charge and lead Lobby Day, or else it wouldn't happen. She said that it would be a lot of work, since the person would need to go to LAC on Thursdays at 6. They would be working with the VP for Governmental Affairs, and the ESC. The budget is large since they didn't go to a conference, and \$10,000 is left.

Transportation and materials would be paid for. Cervantes said that

there would be a training for the people attending. She had never been lobbying before, and asked if anyone else had to explain the process. Matey said that at Whatcom Community College, they did a lobby day. They were able to meet with representatives for 15 minutes, since they didn't have much time. Matey said that they gave the representative a packet to look back on, and they got good feedback. She said that it was always fun to dress up and go do business stuff in Olympia. Cervantes said that they also do testimonies talking about your experience, so you wouldn't have to go but still be involved. Cervantes asked for people who were interested, but understood that also being an officer in a club was hard. Bahta asked if general members from ESC clubs could be the head of ESC Viking Lobby Days. Cervantes said yes, it didn't have to be a board member. She would help, as well as Bryce Hammer. Presidents' Council will create the agenda, so Cervantes wanted presidents to take the issue back to their clubs and discuss what they wanted to see on the agenda. The main thing would be the Multicultural Center, but anything else could be added. Bahta said that the ESC could keep one of the packets that Cervantes passed out, so anyone could drop by and take a look.

#### **V. ESC Night Market**

During Building Unity, the idea of a Night Market was discussed, and people seemed excited about it during Steering. Cervantes said that she was having a meeting with Shalom on Thursday and ask what the set-up would be, how much it would cost, and the location. Cervantes asked if people had any questions that she wanted to ask Shalom. Matey asked what time the meeting was, and Cervantes said that it was at 11 am on Thursday. Wendy, the Event Services Coordinator, told Cervantes that if an outside vendor was coming in, they would need a contract. Cervantes said that she had done it in the past, and it wasn't too difficult. Cervantes brought up that if there was entertainment, a

stage and lights would be needed. The event would be big, but if the planning started now it wouldn't be as difficult. A budget for Event Services would be needed, and Cervantes talked about raising money. Each club would manage their own budget, and there would be a general budget for the Event Services. Cervantes said that Culture Shock was in the middle of May, and Bahta confirmed. Cervantes asked if people wanted to do this after Culture Shock, before, or instead of Culture Shock. Marquina-Negrete said that having Culture Shock performers happening during Night Market would be cool. Bahta agreed. Cervantes said that folks said it would be heavy for clubs have a performance and do a booth at the same time. She wanted people to talk to their clubs to discuss ideas. Quiroz asked what Night Market would look like—does it have tables, food. Bahta said that it could be whatever the clubs wanted. He said to imagine Red Square with a bunch of booths from each group with their food and cultural stuff. Instead of Culture Shock, there would be an open space for performances in the middle. Quiroz asked if it would be just ESC clubs, and Cervantes said it could look however they wanted it to since it was a new event. Cervantes compared it to Bellingham night market. Amaranto said that it would be a great idea to do this instead of Culture Shock. It would be basically Culture Shock outside, and would be more open to the community of Bellingham. More people could come, and not be limited to the number of seats in the PAC. Alatorre-Barajas said that people were interested in doing a fashion show, which would talk about the history and meaning of the clothing. That way dances and fashions could be put into one night. Cervantes said she knew that people used traditional clothes, so they could give an overview as to what they were wearing. She said that if they did have Culture Shock outside, they would have to have a stage and it would be pretty high. Would people stand and watch, or would they provide chairs? How long would it go? The full four or three hours of Culture

Shock? She said that these were details that needed to be thought about. She didn't want people to feel overwhelmed, since they would have to perform and run a booth. She asked people to take the issue back to their club and board members. She invited people to come to the meeting on Thursday with her. Cervantes said that while talking to Shalom, they would talk about providing police officers if enough people were at the event. Cervantes said that they could also pull from the Large Event Opportunity Fund, and they could apply to get at least money for Event Services.

## **VI. Multicultural Center Update**

Cervantes said that the project moved from being \$2 million to \$15 million, and students would have to pay a fee to use the building. They had to re-open the building to companies, and four firms applied. Interviews would be happening in the ESC next week. People could come in and ask questions. Cervantes said that a Facebook event would be created to let people know. The proposals would be kept in the ESC. Once the architects are hired, they would know the timeline of when building starts and when they would be done. The ESC Executive Committee was created last year to make decisions about the Multicultural Center. Now, instead of making decisions at Presidents Council, decisions would be made at the Executive Committee. Cha from WHSA asked if this would be its own building, or attached to another building. Cervantes said that it would be added to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, or connect the first floor of the VU and the bookstore. Quiroz from the LSU asked if this was going to happen, or if it was approved? Cervantes said that it was approved when it was voted on last Spring. After 2017, there would be a \$30 fee for each student. Funding is also coming from other places. The VU is being remodeled, and students advocated to have a bigger space for the ESC. Rutledge asked if the QRC would have a room in the Multicultural Center, and Cervantes said that was from a

different department and would have its own remodel. Duok asked for clarification as to where the multicultural Center would be built.

Cervantes explained that it would be added to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor and on top of the bookstore. Building an entirely new building requires permission from the city, and from Olympia. Getting a stand-alone building would require a minimum of 10 years. Ganesh asked when this floor would be added. Cervantes said that constructions would start either Spring or Summer of next year, and the Center would open in Fall of 2019. KUGS has to be moved from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, and the top of the bookstore will be moved. The other committee hiring the architects said that they would move those, and where would the ESC go in the meantime. Once they have an architect that conversation could get started.

## **VII. Guests**

### **A. Qualitative Research Methods Students**

Rosa Sanchez and Kat Durning. Sanchez said that they came from a Qualitative Research class. They have all quarter to do a research project. Qualitative Research is getting interviews, and it's not statistics research. It's more getting to know people and writing about it. Looking at what other people have done in the past helps get a topic. Durning said that they were in the development stage of doing a research project asking questions about students of colors' experiences with campus police. One of the questions was how students of color perceive and interact with police. It's not meant to be a big survey, but might be one-on-one focus groups. Durning and Sanchez were there to introduce themselves and see if anyone was interested. Sanchez said that they were taking a class, so their professor had taught us about what should be done during a research project. Of course, it would be anonymous and confidential as much as they can. The information would just be shared between their group. There are

five people in the group. Sanchez said that she could give people her email, and people could email her questions. Durning said that they had to narrow it down who they were talking to, and had decided to only talk to upper-classmen. Durning reiterated that it would be anonymous, and could potentially be used in the future to inform policy or practices within the university. That would be the aim of the project. Sanchez said that they could talk about safety on campus, and this research would go to improvements that could happen here on campus. Sanchez said that they might also share what they learned with the VP of Student Life, Wayne Rocque. Leah joined late. Sanchez's email is [sancher4@wwu.edu](mailto:sancher4@wwu.edu).

### **VIII. Other Business**

There are still committee spots for ESC people on the Dining Advisory Committee. Cervantes said that it looks good on your resume. She explained a little bit about what each committee does. Bahta added that it's important to have representation in these committees, because if no students of color are on the committees then they have no voice at all. If no students of color are there to advocate for where the money goes, then they might not get any money. Cervantes explained how to apply for a committee on OrgSync. The new committee members would be approved at Presidents' Council.

- A. ESC Dining Advisory Committee
- B. AS Structural Review
- C. Legislative Affairs
- D. SAF? SNA?

### **IX. BSC Updates**

Alatorre-Barajas said that on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, he was planning an event about mental illness. The first one would be a poetry night, and there would be an audition process for the performers. Brenda, who did the event last year, would come back to talk. The event is

happening in the Underground Coffeehouse. Anyone interested can talk to Alatorre-Barajas. October 25<sup>th</sup>, they are taking photos for an installation. Perez Garcia asked for the dates again. Alatorre-Barajas said that October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> they're taking photos, and November 14<sup>th</sup> is the poetry and lyric night. Cervantes asked if there would be flyers, and Alatorre-Barajas said yes. Quiroz asked where the pictures would be taken. Alatorre-Barajas said that they would be taken in the ESC, and installed behind the stage in the Underground Coffeehouse. Cervantes said that at the last meeting, Ramos and LaVallee came to talk about putting on events. Cervantes reminded people that any event could be put on, and AS Productions have large budgets. The Research and Outreach Program offices also have budgets that could be collaborated with. Bahta asked that if the ASP put on an event with an ESC club, would any money made go back to the club? Cervantes said that it depended. For AS Special Events, the budget is \$5,000.

## **X. Club Updates**

**VSA and KSA** are working on having a Halloween night. **VSA** is also having their quarterly photo night at Jimmy's downtown, probably on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MEChA** is having their second general meeting on Thursday at 6 pm in Miller Hall 005. On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, they're having a Dia de los Muertos event at Whatcom Community College.

**Blue Group** has switched to a bi-weekly meeting so that their board can work on a petition for the ROP. Next week, they're having an immigration lawyer coming in to answer questions. Location: Miller Hall 135, next Wednesday at 6.

**HOH:** Starting to teach Hulu basics for the Luau in the Spring. Thursday 7:30 in AW main lounge.

**BSU:** Third meeting tonight at 6. Planning a get-down Halloween party.

**ACC:** Meeting this Wednesday at 5. Next Tuesday: collaborative meeting with BSU.

**SASA:** First meeting went well, next meeting isn't until November

**FASA:** Heritage Dinner coming up October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are on sale.

They are still taking volunteers and dancers. The dinner will be exploring the FASA roots, which is why it's called "Evidence of the Past" and how the members have been affected by the country's past. They have a meeting tomorrow in AW 304 at 7 pm.

**WHSA:** Third meeting tonight. Theme of the month is folklores. October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 3 is the Halloween bakesale in Vendor's Row

**KSA:** Meeting happening right now.

**JSA:** Meeting happening right now.

**LSU:** LSU is going through a bit of a transfer, so they're working on officer elections tonight.

**MISO:** Yesterday was their third general meeting, and they elected a new community outreach position. Their next general meeting is next Monday from 7-8. They'll be talking about images and perpetuated stereotypes in the news media.

**KHSA:** They're planning to have their Halloween bakesale on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They're planning to have a cultural night on the last meeting of the quarter.

Bahta reminded people that if they are having events, let him and Matey know because it's their jobs.

Cervantes said that she and Rutledge would keep emailing people the agenda and the minutes. They would also be posted on the Facebook group.

**Aleyda Cervantes, AS VP for Diversity, adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm on October 11, 2016.**