



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

**Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, October 25, 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), Lafayette Baker (ESC Assistant Director)

**Voting Members:** Victoria Matey (Blue Group), Nathaniel Williams II (BSU), Karen Liang (CSA), Mia Amaranto (FASA), Keiichi Takano (JSA), Danny Duok (KhSA), Jack Boyd (KSA), Yaritza Esqueta (LSU), Karina Guiroz (LSU), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (MEChA), Elizabeth Perez (MEChA), McKenzie Bolar (MISO), Meredith Karbowski (OSA), Dedeepya Gudipati (SASA), Duy Nguyen (VSA), Jenny Chang (WHSA)

**Absent:** Meron Knutzen (ACC)

**Guests:** Matthew Paige, Elizabeth Kiesel, Karsyn Bosanko (WWU Queer Club)

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

**MOTIONS**

**PC-16-F-05** - Motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting - **PASSED**

**PC-16-F-06** - Motion to move the MEChA info item to an action item - **PASSED**

**PC-16-F-07** - Motion to approve the MEChA name change - **PASSED**

**Aleyda Cervantes, AS VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on October 25, 2016.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**05 by Bolar. Moved to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting.**

**Second: Guiroz**

**Vote: 16-0-0**

**PASSED**

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

WWU Queer Club was added to the agenda under “Guests”

### III. Info Items

#### A. MEChA (Movimineto Chincanx de Aztlan)

Marquina-Negrete from MEChA explained that at the MEChA national conference, the name of the group was changed to Movimineto Chicax de Aztlan, to include people who don't identify with the gender binary.

**06 by Guiroz. Moved to move the info item to an action item.**

**Second: Matey    Vote: 15-0-1    PASSED**

**07 by Duok. Moved to approve the MEChA name change.**

**Second: Karbowski    Vote: 15-0-1    PASSED**

### IV. Esc Lobby Day

#### A. Items to lobby

Matey is going to be in charge of ESC Lobby Days, and Cervantes and Bryce Hammer are going to help her. The Presidents Council and Steering Committee, along with the ESC clubs, need to decide what is going to be on the agenda. The main thing is going to be the ESC renovation. Cervantes and a few others are going to have a meeting with Eileen Coughlin, VP for Student Enrollment Services, to decide what package the lobby is going to be. The students need to decide what to put on the agenda. Cervantes said that people also need to learn how to lobby. She asked for questions on what needs to be done or brought up. She added that the ESC Lobby Days will be working with the Legislative Affairs Committee, to make sure that the agendas don't overlap. The lobby days will occur over the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and will be paid for. Cervantes asked the council to take the issue back to their clubs and decide what should be put on the agenda. She offered to send an example of the agenda out.

## **V. Multicultural Center Update**

Cervantes said that interviews with the architecture firms were occurring this week. The first one was today at 1:15. Cervantes said that it's important for students to go so they tell the architects what they want to see. The students need to like working with the architects, because there will be a partnership for the next few years until the renovation is done. Cervantes said she wanted to know if the firms weren't explaining things properly or being patronizing. She said that the next firm was coming on Thursday at 1:15, and another one was coming at 3:15. Cervantes said that there was a student Executive Committee, as well as a faculty committee to discuss what architect firm would be used. She didn't want to make a decision without hearing student voices. Because the architects have to build off of an already existing structure, there's an added dimension to the project. Alatorre-Barajas said that the first ones were all right, and Cervantes agreed that they were okay overall. She said that she would continue to bring updates to Presidents Council.

## **VI. Guests**

### **A. WWU Queer Club**

Representatives: Matthew Paige, Elizabeth Kiesel, and Karsyn Bosanko. Paige said he was wondering if they could do a potluck about intersectionality with ESC clubs and Queer club. He was saying that they wanted to do a relaxed conversation and possibly a presentation. They want to have discussions about how to make clubs a safe space for both queer and POC. Bosanko said that they were inspired to put this event on when they went to Club Kickoff and heard FASA talk about pronouns. Kiesel said that they found that in Queer Club, people had to abandon one of their

identities to fit the situation. Cervantes said that she had a conversation in the beginning of the year about inclusive language and pronouns. She said that one of the biggest issue in the ESC was that queer people don't come to the meetings because they don't feel safe in the space. She said that it would be good to have conversations about being queer people of color. Kiesel asked if people would be open to have a conversation in the form of a potluck. Matey said that in the ESC, they were planning on having a potluck during prep week. She offered if they wanted to collaborate on that, or have something separate. Paige wondered what the potluck was for. Matey said that it was for clubs to get together, since they don't usually get together. Bosanko said that they wanted the intersectionality to have its own separate event so that it could be the main focus. Kiesel said that they were very open with dates. Cervantes said that it would be a good idea, and maybe they could find a date over e-mail. Cervantes said that it would be best to have the potluck in the ESC, rather than the QRC. Rutledge agreed that the QRC was not big enough. Cervantes asked if it was all right to share Kiesel, Paige, and Bosankos' contact information. They said yes.

Kiesel, Paige, and Bosanko left the room. Cervantes asked if people wanted to have a potluck, a presentation, or whatever. Perez asked if every club had a Gender and Sexuality chair. Most people said no. Cervantes said that in MEChA, the name of the chair was changed to Gender Identity and Sexuality. She said that clubs could create a new position, or add it to another position. Karbowski asked if it would be for just the officers, or members of clubs as well. Cervantes said that in their email, the Queer Club said everyone. Esqueta said that they could make it into a really nice event. She said that it might be best in the MPR, because that space would be big enough. She wondered if enough people

would be able to bring food. Cervantes suggested VU 564 as a space. Bolar from MISO said that it might be more beneficial to have the event as an open discussion, with a PowerPoint to guide discussions. They didn't want it to be too official, just a conversation. Cervantes said that people were in different stages of the learning process, so a PowerPoint would help people learn more about inclusive language and terms. Cervantes asked if she should email Queer Club, and the council agreed.

## **VII. Other Business**

### **A. ESC Dinning Advisory Committee**

Cervantes reminded everyone that there were still positions open on the committees, especially Legislative Affairs Council. She stressed that any member from an ESC club could join. She explained that LAC puts together the Western Lobby Days Agenda.

### **B. AS Structural Review**

Cervantes said that the AS is going to completely change in the next few years. There's a spot for an ESC club member. Cervantes said that she spoke to the chair, and the chair would change the Charge and Charter to include more than one ESC person if they were interested.

### **C. Legislative Affairs**

### **D. Sustainability Action Fund**

The SAF has a lot of money, and people submit projects to get money for. Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life, asked Cervantes to remind people that there is still an ESC chair open on this committee.

### **E. Architectural Firms**

### **F. Churros and Change Thursday at 7 pm**

Cervantes said that there's an event on Thursday at 7 pm, Churros and Change. There's going to be ice cream. This event is an opportunity for people in marginalized communities to get more involved in Western and the community. They could also get involved in state affairs. Not a lot of people of color are involved in organizing affairs.

Bolar asked if that meant that the event is more like an informational fair. Cervantes said yes, there were going to be

speakers and food from different organizations. She said that this event would tell people how to get involved.

Cervantes added that one of the students on the ESC Executive Committee dropped because she had too much on her plate. She said that the council could re-open applications on OrgSync, the council could interview people interested, or one of the presidents could serve. Cervantes said that this was a time commitment, even though it didn't meet all the time. When it did meet, it would be two hour meetings.

Gudipati asked if this was open to all students, or just ESC students? Cervantes said just ESC. Gudipati said that interviews would be better, and it would be easier to discuss applicants while they were there versus an OrgSync application. Cervantes said that she didn't know if she could meet next week, but they would have to have interviews next week. She asked how people could find out about it, and what the guidelines of the interviews would be. Last year, the council had much longer to go through the application process. She didn't want to wait too long so the person would be caught up on the Executive Council's affairs. Guiroz agreed that interviews would be good to help get to know the applicants. Cervantes said some of the questions from last year. She asked people to take the issue back to their clubs, and find out if anyone was interested. They would come to the meeting two weeks from now.

#### G. The Students of Color Conference November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

Cervantes said that herself, another delegate, and 8 other people would be going on this trip. All expenses are paid for. Cervantes said that people have to apply on OrgSync if they're interested. Esqueta asked if this was going to be at a university. Cervantes said it was at Portland State University, but Rutledge corrected her to say that it was at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Karbowski asked if there would be a bus, or if they would drive themselves. Cervantes said that she and another person would be driving. The other person would be decided on if they could drive or not. Cervantes said that the application would be open for two and a half weeks. Matey asked if Cervantes could send her the workshop proposal.

#### H. President's Visit

President Sabah asked Cervantes if he could come to Presidents Council, and Cervantes said she wanted to check with everyone first. He was planning on sitting in on the council to listen.

### **VIII. BSC Updates**

Alatorre-Barajas said that he took pictures for his Mental Illness workshop, and wanted to know if people could present poems or stories at the workshop.

### **IX. Club Updates**

KHSA, WHSA, and LSU are having their Halloween party tonight. FASA just had their heritage dinner on Saturday. They're having Filipino Olympics on November 19<sup>th</sup>. They'll also be taking about their Filipino Culture Night in January.

LSU are making taquitos tomorrow, in preparation for the Halloween bash.

Baker said that UW was putting together a summer camp for people considered pre-med, and would be sending out an email about it soon. He asked people to forward it to their clubs.

Guiroz asked if there was a spreadsheet where clubs could put the dates of their heritage dinners. Cervantes said that she didn't think so, but the ESC was working on putting together a calendar. Matey said that the ESC wants the rooms in the VU to be booked right away.

Cervantes said that she would start making info items action items on the agenda. She asked people to email her if they had anything they wanted added to the agenda.

**Aleyda Cervantes, AS VP for Diversity, adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm on October 25, 2016.**