

Western Washington University Associated Students Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

Non-Voting Members: Aleyda Cervantes (VP for Diversity) Simon Bahta

Members: Olga Prado (Blue Group), Davida Ege (BSU), Henry He Voting_ Melanie (CSA), Carrie Wootan (FASA), **Takahiro** Matsuno (JSA), Guan (KhSA), Jack Boyd (KSA), Amanda Argueta (LSU), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Duy Nguyen (VSA), Dalton Jones (NASU), Elena Dan (NASU)

<u>Absent:</u> Fatuma Musa (ACC), José Meza (MEChA), Kluay Bale (MISO), Tommy Cha (WHSA), Lafayette Baker, Mikhail Jackson, and Vicky Matey

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

MOTIONS

SC-17-S-01 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 13th Steering meeting and the March 6th Steering meeting - **PASSED**

SC-17-S-02 - Motion to make the NASU Gathering of Nations Pow Wow info item into an action item - PASSED

SC-17-S-03 - Motion to make the SASA Holi info item into an action item - PASSED

SC-17-S-04 - Motion to make the VSA Heritage Dinner info item into an action item - PASSED

SC-17-S-05 - Motion to make the JSA Summer Festival info item into an action item - PASSED

SC-17-S-06 - Motion to approve \$1500 for KhSA's New Year's Show on April 29th - **PASSED**

SC-17-S-07 - Motion to approve \$3000 for BSU's Black Excellence Ball on April 30th - PASSED

SC-17-S-08 - Motion to approve \$230 for SASA's Holi event - PASSED

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

I. Approval of Minutes

SC-17-S-01 by Ganesh. Moved to approve the meeting minutes from the February 13th Steering meeting and the March 6th Steering meeting

Second: H. He Vote: 7-0-3 PASSED

II. Revisions to the Agenda

Cervantes told people that the JSA Summer Festival was being discussed, even though it was not on the print agendas.

III. Info Items

A. NASU Gathering of Nations Pow Wow (\$2000)

NASU needs \$6000 to go on their trip to the Gathering of Nations. They want 11-12 people to fly down to the Pow Wow. The money would cover travel costs, plane tickets, hotel rooms, and entry fees. This would allow the group to meet other tribes across the country. The Pow Wow is in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 27th-30th.

SC-17-S-02 by H. He. Moved to make the NASU Gathering of Nations Pow Wow info item into an action item.

Second: Ganesh Vote: 10-0-1 PASSED

B. SASA Holi (\$230)

Ganesh said that SASA needed to be reimbursed for paying for event costs for Holi. It's happening from 11-2 on Saturday on the Comm Lawn, and the event is free.

SC-17-S-03 by H. He. Moved to make the SASA Holi info item into an action item.

Second: Matsuno Vote: 10-0-1 PASSED

C. VSA Heritage Dinner (\$1500)

Nguyen said that the 7th annual VSA heritage dinner is happening on April 23rd from 4-6. Their keynote speaker is

coming from a Southeast Asian association in Canada, and speaking about Southeast Asians in the movies. Most of the money is going towards paying for tickets for VSAs from other schools to attend. All donations taken during the event is going towards a Vietnamese organization called Catalyst. Tickets for the event will be \$12. 60-70 people are expected to attend.

SC-17-S-04 by Prado. Moved to make the VSA Heritage Dinner info item into an action item.

Second: Ganesh Vote: 10-0-1 PASSED

D. JSA Summer Festival (\$1200)

Matsuno said that JSA is hosting a Japanese Summer Festival on May 6th. Ticket prices are \$10 for students, \$15 for general. The money will go towards food and some decorations. Nguyen asked if there were going to be any performances. Matsuno said that there would be some activities, and a showing of a Hayao Miyazaki movie.

SC-17-S-05 by H. He. Moved to make the JSA Summer Festival info item into an action item.

Second: Ganesh Vote: 10-0-1 PASSED

IV. Action Items

A. KhSA New Year's Show (\$1,500)

Guan reminded the committee that KhSA is having a show on April 29th. The money is going towards tickets and food.

SC-17-S-06 by H. He. Moved to approve \$1500 for KhSA's New Year's Show on April 29th.

Second: Matsuno Vote: 9-0-1 PASSED

B. BSU Black Excellence Ball (\$3,000)

Ege reminded people that the ball will be centered around black excellence, and will be focused on music, poems, and anything that has to do with art. The event has been moved back a few weeks to April 30. The event will go from 7-10 in the MPR. The \$3000 will go towards food, decorations, and logistics. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for general.

SC-17-S-07 by Prado. Moved to approve \$3000 for BSU's Black Excellence Ball on April 30th

Second: H. He Vote: 9-0-1 PASSED

C. SASA Holi (\$230)

SC-17-S-08 by Ege. Moved to approve \$230 for SASA's Holi event.

Second: H. He Vote 9-0-1 PASSED

V. Other Business

Tomorrow, April 5th, Cervantes is doing a workshop with Presidents Council on the Multi-Cultural Center. The center will be built on top of the VU and the bookstore. The center will include a resource library, a kitchen, a room that fits 80 people, a balcony, and a room with a view. The workshop will be for receiving feedback on what the presidents want to see in the center. The architects will be there at Building Unity to hear what the ESC would like to see in the new center. Executive Committee toured multi-cultural centers at other schools in Seattle and Oregon. Boyd asked when construction would start. Cervantes said winter of 2018, and the construction should be done in fall of 2019. Working in this new space will be a full-time LGBTQ staff member, a tribal liaison, and a full-time ROP Director.

VI. Club Updates

CSA - meet on Thursdays at 5.

VSA - first meeting of quarter tomorrow in AW 305 from 6-7

BSU - meeting in VU 462 today at 6 pm, talking about the ball and goals as a club for spring quarter

SASA - regularly scheduled programming on hold until Holi

FASA - meeting tomorrow in AW 304, 7-8 pm

KhSA - first spring meeting yesterday, in AW 205 at 7

KSA - Wednesdays

OSA - every other week, starting this Thursday

JSA - general meetings on Mondays

LSU - first meeting today at 5

Blue Group - Wednesdays at CEED from 6-7

VII. ESC Updates

Holi is happening on Saturday, and Building Unity on Sunday.

An academic program about starting the quarter off right is

happening in the ESC on Thursday, April 7th.

Bahta said that he and Matey were going to reach out to any clubs that had heritage dinner this quarter.

Night Market is happening on the Saturday of Back to Bellingham (May 20th) on the lawn in front of Old Main.

Aleyda Cervantes adjourned the meeting at 3:47 pm.