



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

**Meeting Minutes for: Monday, February 13, 2017**

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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:** Meron Knutzen (ACC), Vicky Matey (Blue Group), Nathaniel Williams II (BSU), Karen Liang (CSA), Mia Amaranto (FASA), Meredith Karbowski (OSA), Tina Shirasu (JSA), Danny Duok (KhSA), Kathy Lee (KSA), Yaritza Esqueda (LSU), Elizabeth Perez (MEChA), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (MEChA), Ayita Berhane (MISO), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Thu Nguyen (VSA), Vilay Lee (WHSA)

McKenzie Bolar (MISO), Kathy Lee (KSA), Elizabeth Perez Garcia (MEChA), Dedeepya Guidpati (SASA), Thu Nguyen (VSA), Mia Amaranto (FASA), Tina Shirasu (JSA), Amberly Khamsaly (KhSA), Meredith Karbowski (OSA), Vilay Lee (WHSA), Yaritza Esqueda (LSU), Karina Quiroz (LSU), Meron Knutzen (ACC)

**Absent:** Dalton Jones (NASU)

**Guests:**

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

## **MOTIONS**

**PC-17-W-2 - Motion to approve the ESC Lobby Day Agenda - PASSED**

**Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm on February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

- I. Revisions to the Agenda**
- II. Action Items**
  - A. ESC Lobby Day Agenda

Since Matey was absent, Bahta presented the agenda. The students going are planning on lobbying for underfunded resources, such as the Counseling Center and the tutoring center; cleaning up toxic waste sites and address environmental racism; funding for the multicultural center and a tribal liaison; and more money to protect Oyster Dome. Vilay Lee asked for more information about Oyster Dome. Cervantes explained that the state was planning on clear cutting it for more funds. Lee then asked when the training was. Cervantes and Alatorre-Barajas said that there would be training on Thursday, and also all day Sunday. Cervantes reminded people that there were two spots open still. Lee asked if the students going would be asking for a specific amount of money. Cervantes said that it was hard to get a legislator to commit to anything, but if they supported the students they would write a bill.

**PC-17-W-2 - Esqueda moved to approve the ESC Lobby Day Agenda.**

**Second: Thu Nguyen**

**Vote: 13-0-0**

**PASSED**

Cervantes asked the council if they would like to meet in two weeks, to debrief after ESC Lobby Day. Vilay Lee said that she would like to. Cervantes said that they would have a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and she would either book the ESC or a room in the VU for that.

**III. Ethnic Studies Conference in San Francisco Application**

Cervantes said that she and Yanzon were taking 10 students to a conference in San Francisco over Spring Break. Two or more people would need to drive, since they're going by van. The application will be open from today until the 27<sup>th</sup> of February on OrgSync. Cervantes showed everyone the website for the event and the organization putting it on.

#### **IV. ESC Updates**

Alatorre-Barajas said that the deadline for submissions for the Perception of Self exhibit was the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February (or the 1<sup>st</sup> of March). There will be an open mie night. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> in VU 552 is a panel about lobbying and getting more involved. Culture Shock sign-ups are in the ESC. The event is happening April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Lee asked about the Night Market. Cervantes said that Hugo Chavez met with Shalom about sound; there might not be any music in the PAC Plaza. He also passed out a sheet for Steering reps to fill out at a meeting of Steering Committee.

Baker said that assessment surveys for Building Unity will be sent out tomorrow.

#### **V. Club Updates**

ACC - planning for their Heritage Dinner on May 6<sup>th</sup>

MEChA - joint meeting with OSA. Ferndale High School's MEChA is coming to the meeting on Thursday.

LSU - not doing a heritage dinner. Trying to do another event instead

WHSA - working on their tea party; it's happening March 2nd

KhSA - last official meeting of the quarter happening today.

Planning on going to Trampoline Zone during dead week. Next Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, having a Hidden Story event to talk about first generation college students.

VSA - heritage dinner on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Having a bake sale sometime this month.

JSA - festival event on May 5<sup>th</sup>

Blue Group - At City Council at 7 pm

**Aleyda Cervantes adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.**