



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

Meeting Minutes for: Monday, March 6th, 2017

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: Alan Alatorre-Barajas (Blue Group), Tina Shirasu (JSA), Danny Duok (KhSA), Yaritza Esqueda (LSU), Karina Quiroz (LSU), Elizabeth Perez Garcia (MEChA), Ayita Berhane (MISO), Meredith Karbowski (OSA)

Absent: Merón Knutzen (ACC), Nathaniel Williams II (BSU), Karen Liang (CSA), Mia Amaranto (FASA), Kathy Lee (KSA), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (MEChA), Dalton Jones (NASU), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Thu Nguyen (VSA), Vila Lee (WHSA)

Guests: John Bower and Stephanie Chau (Strategic Plan Committee), Camilla Mejia (SIRC)

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm on March 6th, 2017.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

II. Focus Group

Representative: John Bower and Sabrina Chou. Members of the Strategic Plan Committee. The committee is writing a new strategic plan for Western. The strategic plan is a 10-20 year plan for the university. Bower said that the committee was younger and more diverse than usual. There are listening sessions and open student forums that the committee holds to learn people's ideas for the future of the university. Bower offered to come back

to Presidents Council if more people wanted to be heard later. He said that this plan would have quantifiable goals. Bower had five questions to ask the council.

III. Guest

A. SIRC

Representative: Camilla Mejia. Mejia came to speak about doing an event centered around immigration stories. She asked if there was anything that students wanted to see or contribute. Students would be able to contribute. Alatorre-Barajas remembered that the original plan was to have elders speak at the event. Mejia said that they were still interested in that, but they also wanted to include more student stories. Alatorre-Barajas asked if she wanted first-hand accounts, or second-hand stories from parents. Mejia asked the room if people were interested in that, since they had wanted to focus more on first-hand stories.

IV. ESC Updates

Culture Shock submissions are due Friday. Forms are at the front desk of the ESC.

Baker said that there is an alternative spring break that the Center for Alternative Learning is putting on. There are several different events scheduled. He said that he would send out the information.

Cervantes reminded people that there was a doodle poll to fill out for schedules for next quarter

Study Hours for the ESC this week start at 4. There will be snacks.

V. Club Updates

LSU - no more meetings this quarter

KhSA - Heritage dinner April 29th

MISO - studying at 6:30 today

VI. Other Business

A. AS Board Assistant for Multicultural Center

A position is open: Board Assistant for the Multicultural Center. The application is on the AS website. This position would help with the multicultural center.

AS jobs are also open, as well as scholarships.

Alatorre-Barajas asked when the board assistant would start.

Cervantes said as soon as possible. Berhane asked if the position was paid and Cervantes said yes; it was hourly.

The Outdoor Center was supposed to come and talk last week, but they were unable to. Cervantes passed out a catalogue for the Outdoor Center. They wanted to have an event with the ESC. Cervantes said that the event might be sunset kayaking.

Aleyda Cervantes adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm.