

Western Washington University Associated Students

Leadership Advocacy Force

[October 22, 2019]



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Committee Present: Donella Lalas, Khadejah Pritchett, Sienna Reid, Kristi Dang, Astrid

Members: Dueñas Diaz, Steve Chang, Myele Johnson, Reeth Pooni, Juyeon Kim, Pip Choun, Madoka Iwamoto, Lawrence Visaya Yamut, Sofian Mahmoud, Chante Lee, Jesus Hernandez, Maria Dimas, Yesugen Battsengel

Absent: Vincent Chou, Daniela Rodriguez, Joselyn Chavez, Samantha Urrea, Maral Kebritchi, Hoku Rivera, Deviney Wynecoop, Dichela Ueki, Usama Arshad, Jaqueline Pham, Tommy Cha, Daniela Tierra

Advisor: Moya Lojewski

Secretary: Yalda Naimzadeh

Yesugen Battsengel, Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

I. Agenda

- Icebreaker
- Delegation of Tasks
- Student Senate Endorsements
- Name Change
- Club Updates
- ESC Updates

II. Information Items

Student Senate Endorsements

Aina from the Rep Office explained the Do's and Don'ts of club endorsements for the AS Senate elections. Each college gets two student senators and there will be four student senators at large. Clubs will have the capability of endorsing candidates. The rules are:

Clubs will need to invite all the candidates and each candidate will need to receive the same invitation to seek an endorsement. If candidates choose not to attend that club meeting that is their choice. Each candidate will need an equal opportunity to seek an endorsement from any club.

Clubs are able to endorse as many candidates as they prefer. The candidates themselves can share online their endorsement.

Clubs do not need to endorse any candidates even after inviting all of the candidates. Pritchett asked how to proceed if a candidate asks for an endorsement before running it by any of the club leaders of the club they are seeking an endorsement from. Aida answered, that candidates are not able to seek an endorsement without prior permission from the club

leaders as this would not allow all the candidates running for the position to have an equal opportunity to seek an endorsement.

Committee members asked if inviting candidates for an endorsement can be used as a political meeting. Battsengel answered that she will allow it.

III. Delegation of Tasks

Develop leadership skills

Go to building unity as a board (boost sessions)

Setting deadlines to act as a motivator.

Lalas mentioned, board members should have times to check in with each other which will allow for each board member to ask questions or for help when needed.

IV. Name Change

Battsengel prompted the idea of a name change for the committee.

Pritchett agrees with the name change as the committee is not currently practicing each component of the current name of the committee.

Battsengel mentioned a possibility for the new name of the committee to be the ESC Executive Board because this committee represents all presidents and co-chairs of each club and this is a committee that influences future decisions that could be made in the Ethnic Student Center.

Mahmoud mentioned that advocacy has not been practiced but that many committee members want more advocacy moving forward. Mahmoud expressed the problems other communities are facing may be shared in the committee space to then gain solutions.

V. Club Updates

MISO and SASA will have a collaboration on November 12, 2019 with a discussion about colorism. The time is still to be determined.

KSA, VSA and ASA will have a Halloween collaboration on October 30, 2019 in the Miller Hall collaborative space. It will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

ASA has invited a Dabke group from Canada on November 2, November 9 and November 16, 2019 to host free Dabke lessons.

LSU and ASA's collaboration went well. There was a potluck and blind taste test to see if food was either Arab or Latinx inspired. The clubs hosted a conversation on intersectionality and the similarities on their respective languages. Dueñas expressed concerns with the stove in the multicultural center and how that put a time constraint on the food that was being served and to next time plan for things not going as planned. Members were able to eat food at the end of the event to make sure there was active participation.

KSA will be having a bake sale on vendor's row on October 16, and October 17, 2019 from 11-3pm.

KhSA is having a culture night on November 25, 2019 in Academic West 304.

FASA heritage dinners went on sale on October 21, 2019. Guests may reserve a table fit for ten guests after all ten tickets are purchased and sent to the president of FASA. FASA is looking for volunteers to help with the event and there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet on their Facebook page.

SASA will be having their Diwali meeting on October 22, 2019.

Blue Group did their day of action event with butterflies telling stories of undocumented students and a fundraiser on vendor's row. The event was successful and BG will be having another day of action event closer to the end of the quarter with more updates to come.

VI. ESC Updates

For any event that is not considered a club meeting, an event planning checklist will need to be filled out. This includes fundraisers on vendors row, Halloween collaborations etc.

These events then need to be approved by Moya Lojewski.

Lojewski has cancelled the potluck portion of the Halloween collaboration happening on October 31, 2019 in the Multicultural center. Lojewski has advised clubs to bring light snacks such as chips, cookies and candies.

Set up for the Halloween collaboration will not be able to start until 6pm as OSA has reserved the multiuse room.

Yesugen Battsengel, Committee Chair, adjourned this meeting at 4:55pm.