

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Executive Board**

[January 28, 2020]



[MCC MUR]

Committee Members Present: Khadijah Pritchett, Astrid Dueñas Díaz, Daniela Rodriguez, Antonio Hernandez, Steve Chang, Donella Lalas, Usama Arshad, Myele Johnson, Pip Choun, Juyeon Kim, Joselyn Chavez, Vincent Chau, Chanté Lee, Kristi Dang, Hoku Rivera, Kelsey Chao, Yesugen Battsengel
Absent: , Maral Kebritchi, Deviney Wyencoop, Tommy Cha, Maria Dimas, Lawrence Visaya Yamut, Dichela Ueki, Reeth Pooni, Jacqueline Pham, Tommy Cha, Sienna Reid, Samantha Urrea, Madoka Iwamoto

Advisor: Moya Lojewski

Secretary: Yalda Naimzadeh

Yesugen Battsengel Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 4:09pm.

I. Agenda

Approval of Minutes
Building Unity/ “passing the torch”
Independent Study Project for Club Leaders
Draft Letter to be sent to WWU professors
General Check In
ESC Updates
Club Updates

II. Action Item

Approval of Minutes

Khadijah Pritchett of BSU motioned to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Myele Johnson of ACC seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Minutes approved 13-0-0

III. Building Unity/ “passing the torch”

Lalas of FASA shared that her board enjoyed the conference style aspect of building unity. Chang of WhSA also expressed that he personally enjoyed all the different workshops that was offered.

Lee of MISO expressed the concerns with members leaving building unity because they felt the end was one of the more important aspects of the event. This would have been a time for people to share any concerns with the ESC.

Rivera of MISO expressed concerns with the healing circle and the community forum being scheduled at the same time and for future events should be two separate events.

Battsengel shared the idea of the next building unity being one where club leaders can “pass the torch” to the incoming board officers to be more prepared for their positions in the upcoming year.

Pritchett expressed that she would support that idea and asked if the next building unity would then be after club elections.

Lojewski expressed concerns with some clubs starting the academic year without a full board.

IV. Independent Study Project for Club Leaders

Battsengel shared the idea of club leaders getting college credit in exchange for the work done for their club through an ISP. This is something that has been achieved two years ago. Hernandez asked if the credits would be applied to GURs.

Battsengel answered that it would be counted as a GUR for now and the most you can take is up to 5 credits.

Battsengel hopes to get this program put into place for the upcoming spring quarter and this would opportunity would eventually be open for future board members.

Rivera of MISO asked if the ISP would require extra work on top of the work being done for the club.

Lee of MISO mentioned for the ISP, it would not require extra work similar to legacy documents or an essay at the end of the quarter.

V. General Check- In

Johnson of ACC mentioned that ACC did not have specific meetings, but one educational meeting included conversations surrounding sex to parents within the African Caribbean Community. ACC had plenty of social meetings as well as meetings where they shared information about specific countries in Africa which included games.

Lee of MISO mentioned the expectations might be hard to reach for winter quarter with many events happening within the quarter.

Rivera of MISO mentioned many of their meetings are educational even if it is not intended through conversations of identity and making connections with others in the community.

MISO also did a mixed-race bill of rights meeting to satisfy their political meeting of the current quarter.

M.e.C.H.A is having an identities meeting on January 22, 2020 and wanted advice to make it more interactive.

Lee of MISO mentioned doing a fishbowl activity where members can get into groups ask each other questions. This would be more productive in a small group setting. Members can also write their own questions when given a topic of choice.

Arshad of SASA shared the club able to complete each expectation and expressed members were actively participating.

Lojewski asked if it was more difficult to have a framework for the meeting and if that framework has been a barrier.

Lee of MISO said that it was not necessarily difficult but does put a constraint on that week's meeting. It depends how the members feel a certain week and if it is a stressful time for members overall, then a serious conversation may not fit for that week.

Chau of CSA mentioned that for each quarter, their board maps out a schedule for all the meetings that quarter taking into account midterm and dead week. Pritchett of BSU mentioned that their board also maps out their meetings for the entire quarter but there is some flexibility. If something big happens in the news, it is discussed in the meetings. Pritchett also mentioned there are many discussions about identity, and those conversations usually turn political or educational.

VI. Letter Draft to WWU Professors

Battsengel asked if the letter draft was something we wanted to dedicate one whole meeting to and type it out together.

Each club has mentioned different ways they would like to be approached.

Pritchett of BSU mentioned that a generalized letter would be best and there should be a policy where if a class wants to reach out they can email the club email.

Battsengel mentioned wanting a letter out regardless.

The general consensus is to dedicate a meeting to drafting the letter.

VII. ESC General Updates

SASA and LSU gave a short update on how their events are coming.

Arshad of SASA mentioned the process is going well but had trouble with the publicity center because of the snow days. The publicity center was not able to give SASA exactly what they wanted and their banner had not been hung up yet. The planning for the event started before winter break. They also had trouble with their food because the original caterer's restaurant closed and they had to go with Aramark since it was their cheapest option.

LSU's only concern is finding performers. The board has been dividing everything and communicating on their group chats and have dedicated an extra hour in their board meetings for the heritage dinner. They started planning early December. After getting their initial poster idea from the publicity center and it was not exactly what they wanted.

Lalas of FASA mentioned for their heritage dinner in fall quarter, the board began planning four- five months in advance. They worked with Aramark and have worked with Aramark in the past making catering a bit easier. They mentioned having the same issue with the publicity center and mentioned to put in the request earlier than the recommended 6-8 weeks.

Lojewski mentioned putting in a reservation for the space needed for their event soon even if their events are in spring quarter because spring quarter fills up fast and with other university events happening. Student organizations get priority with reservations.

Lojewski also mentioned for clubs to put their publicity requests in as soon as possible, even if the event is in spring quarter.

VIII. Club Updates

SASA will be having a winter dance in the MPR from 7-10pm with tickets being sold at the door for 5 dollars.

Blue Group will be having a macaroon fundraiser that will be form based from January 30-February 4, 2020. February 6-7, 2020 will be delivering and finishing orders. There will be a separate fundraiser for pins and shirts and designs from February 13-14, 2020. In March, Blue Group will host undocu-week and will host two speakers on campus with workshops and speeches from March 2-6, 2020. The events will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MISO is planning a hairitage event on March 14, 2020 in the western gallery.

NASU was approved for the costal jam and pow wow on April 10-11, 2020.

LSU will be having a heritage dinner on February 22, 2020 with doors opening at 6pm and the dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets will go on sale February 10, 2020.

The lobby day form closes February 7, 2020

KSA will host a heritage dinner March 7, 2020 with more details to come.

Yesugen Battsengel, Committee Chair, adjourned this meeting at 4:50pm.