



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS ESC Executive Board

[2/21/22]

[Microsoft Teams]

Board Members: Naira Gonzales Aranda (As VP for Diversity), Chelsea Joefield (ESC advocacy programming coordinator), Emily Tsan (JSA) (she/her), Gretchen Visperas (FASA) (she/her), Miguel Gonzalez Ramirez (LSU) (he/him), Loki Aguirre (KHSA) (they/them), Tova Portmann-Bown (SASA) (she/her), Zarah Ahmed (SASA) (she/her), Hyojinn Choe (KSA) (she/her), Dichela Ueki (PISA), Lalie Peto (CSA) (she/her), Silvia Leija, Yonnie Zerfu (BSU) (He/ Him), Sydney Slayden (KSA) (She/her).

Absent: ASA

Advisor: Amy Westmoreland

Secretary: Aarushi Mukerjee

Guest(s): Delfine Defrank, Daniela Rodriguez, Leah Berkowitz (Hillel) (she/her), Elena Buri (Hillel) (she/her), Delaney Jarvis (Hillel) (she/her), Emily Weiner (Hillel), Lyric Crane (Hillel) (she/her).

Naira Gonzales Aranda, As VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at [4:03 PM].

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

To [approve minutes]. *By Miguel*

Second: Hyojinn

Vote:

Action: Passed

Yes:

No:

Abstaining:

II. Revisions to the Agenda

- LSU charge and charter is tabled until the next meeting.

IV. Information Items

- Hillel is a club that is hoping to join the ESC. Lyric is the president. Leah is the student outreach coordinator. Delaney is the budget coordinator. Elena is the program coordinator.
- Hillel is the Jewish cultural club at WWU. It is a safe space for Jewish college students to connect and fight antisemitism. It is open to all people with Jewish identity or interested in learning about Jewish culture.
- Two Jewish spaces on campus serve different purposes. Habib is an orthodox space that helps people who have been born with Jewish parents or have converted to orthodox Judaism. Hillel is a space to learn about Judaism's cultural and ethical side.
- They host several events throughout the year, including neighborhood, campus, river cleanups (community service and repairing the world), healing events, women's new moon circle.
- They also host events for Jewish holidays.

- Antisemitism is a severe problem at WWU and in the US. Some examples include the shooting, hostage-taking in a synagogue, and displaying neo-Nazi signs at national events. Jewish people live in fear. Hillel offers a safe place for Jewish students.
- There was a big antisemitism problem at western in 2017 that the university created an antisemitism task force. In 2018, books in the library were vandalized with antisemitic things and the office of a faculty member had a swastika drawn on it.
- Their goal is to work with allies to create SafePlace and tools for those experiencing discrimination at WWU. The ESC provides a safe place where they can exist safely. They also want to collab with clubs in the ESC.
- Amy talked about ESC shifting under the office of multicultural services creating spaces. The black student collation space is done. They are waiting for furniture to come in, and then they will do a welcoming in the spring quarter. Then they will have a Latinx center and an ATI center. She would like input about what students would like to go into these spaces. She has also put in a request for an undocumented student specialist. This person will work with undocumented students and families, providing one-on-one support. There will be social justice facilitators who will be hired as well.

V. Action Items

VII. ESC AS and Club Updates

- SASA
 - Political meeting that will talk about the farmer's protests next week.
- BSA
 - Informational meeting on position that are open next quarter.
- AS
 - Naira went to the senate and introduced the task force she wants to create to help with the black student demands.
- KSA
 - Will have their political meeting on March 1st. They will talk about Korea's independence from Japan.
- KHSA
 - Having their political meeting this week.
- LSU
 - Next meeting is that last meeting of the quarter. They might have an open mic night.
- FASA
 - Having a self-care night this week. They are planning an alternative to their heritage dinner.

Naira Gonzales Aranda, As VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at [5:17 PM]

