



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Non-Voting Members:** Cristina Rodriguez (VP For Diversity), Nate Panelo (ESC Coordinator)

**Voting Members:** Shiffite Awel (ACC), Marya Draw (BSU), Meghan Durovchic (CSA), Ariana Dionisio (FASA), Leia Stuber (HOH), Jiyeon Baek (JSA), Laksmi Vam (KhSA), Tina Cha (KSA), Lucina Leon Palma (LSU), Patricia Pacheco (MEChA), Joy Weisel (MISO), Olivia Burgess (NASU), Alejandro Ibanez (Club Representative)

**Secretary:** Riley Fraser

**Cristina Rodriguez, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.**

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**I. Introduction**

Cristina Rodriguez began the first meeting of the year with an informal roll call.

**II. Pronouns Presentation**

Rodriguez gave an informal presentation via PowerPoint on Personal Gender Pronouns and Inclusive Language. Personal gender pronouns are the pronouns one uses to refer to themselves, and in any positive environment, work or otherwise, one should always be mindful of the personal identification of others, and use their gender pronouns correctly and respectfully. Use of respectful language is not limited to gender pronouns; be considerate about the words used to define a person or groups of people.

**III. General Agenda Outline**

Rodriguez gave a quick review of the usual structure of meeting agendas. Included in the committee binders is a copy of today's agenda, which is a bit different today since it's the first meeting, and an agenda template more aligned with the usual agenda structure. During each meeting, the committee secretary will type up the minutes of the meeting and present it to the members. Committee meetings usually begin with the members approving the minutes from the previous week, or suggesting edits to the minutes.

**IV. Charge & Charter and Bylaws**

Rodriguez said that the Charge & Charter is a clear and concise outline of the purpose of this committee. The purpose is to distribute the \$30,000 budget among the ESC Clubs for various events and activities, as well as share information about said events and activities in order to improve student turnout. The bylaws outline how the voting process should proceed. The Charge & Charter and Bylaws are included in the committee binders.

**V. Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure**

Rodriguez introduced Roberts Rules of Order, an officially recognized guide to running meetings and conferences effectively and fairly. Roberts Rules of Order is included in the committee binders.

**VI. Financial Report - Nate Panelo**

Nate Panelo said that at the beginning of the year, we receive a certain amount of funds that we get to allocate to whichever ESC Clubs we choose, provided that they submit a request for them. The committee receives \$30,000 per year. Panelo briefly outlined last years financial report in order to show which funds were approved, and to explain the type of requests that can be made. A loan means that the club must pay pack the money in its entirety. A Grant means we are giving the money to the club, and it won't come back to us. An Underwrite means whatever money the club doesn't use is returned to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee usually does underwrites. The Steering Committee should strive to spend as much of the budget on our clubs as we possibly can.

## VII. Information Items

### a. FASA: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner

Ariana Dionisio said FASA is holding its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup> in the VU Multipurpose Room. FASA is requesting a \$2,000 underwrite. The theme is "Bilang Isang Pamilya: 20 Years Strong," which celebrates the development of the Filipino community, not just in FASA but in the whole Pacific Northwest. The event will feature live music, a Western Alumni and previous FASA president as a keynote speaker, and other entertainment. The main part of the events' budget is for food, which will cost about \$4,500 from Landmark. Banner design is still in progress. Tickets will be \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission.

This Information Item will be voted upon as an Action Item at the meeting of 10-14-14.

### b. MISO: Journey to the Center of Identity

Joy Weisel said MISO will have Eliaichi "Ellie" Kimaró coming to campus to talk about her personal journey to understanding her identity. MISO is requesting a \$2,000 underwrite. It will be a free event, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 in the VU Multipurpose Room. A large portion of the request will go towards paying the speaker. The event will be free for all to attend.

This Information Item will be voted upon as an Action Item at the meeting of 10-14-14.

## VIII. Club Updates

ACC - In the middle of making a Freshman rep, with two potential candidates.

BSU - Kickoff Barb eque

CSA- Meetings are in Academic West at 5 on Thursdays

FASA - Filipino Olympics this weekend. Training will be held tomorrow at 7 am in VU 565. Heritage dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

HOH - Discussions for a Heritage Dinner in the Spring. Received permission to hold event in the Carver gym, but might not go with it, because they don't want to feel too much like a high school dance. Plans to begin Hula and Tahitian dance workshops. Tahitian costs \$2, but Hula is free.

JSA - Meetings are Monday, 6 pm at Bond Hall 101. Japanese games, heritage dinner, Super Smash Bros tournament plans.

KhSA - Meeting today at 7. Plan on doing a joint bowling night with BSU.

KSA - Second meeting is tomorrow at 6 in VU 464. Discussions for heritage dinner

LSU- Meeting begins at 6 on Tuesdays. Plans underway for Heritage Dinner and Joint Kickoff with MeCha

MEChA- LSU and MEChA joint week. Bonfire at Teddybear Cove tonight after the LSU meeting. Meetings are Thursdays at 6 in the Miller Hall Basement

MISO - No immediate plans, aside from the keynote speaker. Plans for a heritage dinner and a movie night.

NASU - Meetings from 7 to 8 in Miller Hall 231. Very good meeting turnout recently. Plans on starting a Sla-Hal Club.

QPOC - Absent

SASA - Absent

TSA - Absent

VSA - Absent

**Meeting is adjourned by Cristina Rodriguez at 6:08 pm.**