



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Ethnic Student Center Steering Committee**

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, October 6th, 2015

Non-Voting Members: Abby Ramos (AS VP for Diversity), Nate Panelo (Ethnic Student Center Coordinator), Ryan Roberts (AS Club Business Director)

Voting Members: Tina Cha (KSA Steering Representative), Karen Liang (CSA Steering Representative), Vilay Lee (WHSa Steering Representative), Diana Nguyen (VSA Steering Representative), Realia Harris (SASA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative), Sierra Flanagan (BSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative), Stephanie Sisson (LSU Steering Representative), Gary Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Savanah Jackson (HOH Steering Representative), Rahwa Solomon (ACC Steering Representative)

Absent: Alejandro Ibanez (ESC Marketing and Outreach Coordinator)

Guests: Olivia Westerfield (ESC), Aleya Cervantes (MEChA Co-Chair), Kylie Gemmell (NASU)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

SC-15-F-02- Approval to move to discuss the amount of \$875 for NASU to attend National Indian Education Association Conference. - **PASSED**

SC-15-F-03- Approval to amend the NASU budget to \$1000 until a time when they could determine WWU's specific policies. - **PASSED**

SC-15-F-04- Approval of the amount of \$1000 dollars for NASU's conference funding.

SC-15-F-05- Approval to move to discuss the approval of the amount of \$1800 for FASA's Heritage Dinner. - **PASSED**

SC-15-F-06- Approval of the amount of \$1800 for the FASA Heritage Dinner. - **PASSED**

Abby Ramos, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m. on Tuesday October 6th, 2015

I. CULTURAL APPROPRIATION POSTERS

Panelo explained that Olivia Westerfield came to him with a concern about Halloween costumes and cultural appropriation. Westerfield had emailed Panelo about a friend of hers that had a “Native American Princess costume”, which sparked her interest in wanting to recreate “My culture is not a costume” as a campaign at Western. Panelo explained that they were looking for four or five students to participate. Westerfield added that she had two interested students so far. She explained that she and Aleyda Cervantes were contacting clubs and got feedback for ideas from two clubs. She was waiting to get the pictures for the posters taken by Thursday, October 8th. She talked to the publicity center about designs for posters. Ramos asked Westerfield to explain the campaign she was talking about. She explained that Ohio State did a poster campaign that inspired her and MISO did something similar having to do with appropriation. She explained that a group at Western had done a similar campaign in the past, but she would like to focus on Halloween. She added that people think that it’s “only one night” or “only one costume”, but those photos stay up on profiles. Someone brought up that the campaign circulated last year at Western. Westerfield said that she knew that and asked the group if they would like to retake pictures or reuse the campaign from last year. Ramos brought up a picture from last year’s campaign. Aleyda talked about an event on the 29th about “Slut Shaming” from the Women’s Center and offered to collaborate with Westerfield. Someone asked if they needed people to model for photos and Westerfield answered yes. Her goal is to get them out the 14th or 16th to remind people before Halloween.

II. STEERING COMMITTEE TRAINING

a. Robert’s Rules of Order

Ramos explained that the group was going to watch a video about Robert’s Rules of Order. Ramos asked for any questions and offered that there could be discussion about not using Robert’s Rules. She added that she would put the discussion on the agenda for the next week.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Oregon Students of Color Conference

Ramos said that the Oregon Students of Color Conference would be taking place in Portland from November 13th to the 15th. Ramos explained that her position has planned this trip for the last 2 years and that The Washington Student Association does not have a conference like this. She explained that the Oregon Student Association are a fantastic student association. She said that 7 people are going and 3 spots are reserved for ESC students. She added that there is not an exact total budget yet because she was waiting on food. She added

that lodging cost would be \$222.84 for two nights and three days. She said that transportation would be \$99 and registration \$289 at \$95 per ESC student. She added that food would be between \$100 and \$150, but would have the exact number the following week. She said that this was an opportunity to be able to apply to go and that there were three other spots for students at large that are also open to ESC students. Someone asked what organization the conference is for. Ramos responded the Oregon Student Association. Someone asked what the application process is. Ramos explained that there would be three questions through Orgsync and that Ramos, Dreyia Williams from Resource and Outreach Programs and two other people would be selecting the students to attend. Someone asked what the due date for applications would be. Ramos said that the application would open next week and close at least a week before the conference opened. Cha asked if the conference had a theme. Ramos responded that the conference's description was in the binders. Someone asked if there were two separate applications for the ESC students and Students At Large. Ramos explained that three spots are allocated for ESC and the other three are students who don't have to identify as ESC students.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

b. Food Funding for President's and Steering Committee (\$1000)

Ramos said that they were requesting \$500 for President's Council and \$500 for Steering Committee to provide food at meetings. Robert's added that dietary needs should be taken into account when providing food. Ramos said that the groups can decide if they want food every month or every quarter. Someone asked if this request would dip into club budgets. Ramos answered no, the funds would be out of the Steering fund. Someone asked if unused funds would go back into the Steering budget at the end of the year. Ramos answered yes. Roberts asked about how many meetings the group would be providing for. Ramos answered twenty.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. NASU Conference Funding Request

Kylie Gemmell from NASU explained that from the November 14-17th the National Indian Education Association was having an annual conference in Portland. She said that the theme was Building Education Nations through Traditional Foundations. She said that the goal is to have conversation about what it means to maintain traditional values while still going to school where it is so westernized. She explained that the conversation arose during elections last year

because their club has a council where other people are not valued more than others, but being a Western Washington University club requires specific leadership positions. She explained that they were hoping to have conversations about balancing tradition and school and want get input from the workshops about how Native American students can be supported on campus. She added that last year their club had a problem with retention and learned that a portion of their club dropped out at the end of one quarter. She wanted to learn from other campuses. She said that the budget of \$875 is for the fees to register for the conference. Lee of WHSA asked why the numbers varied from \$845 to \$875 on different sheets. Gemmell clarified that the \$875 was correct. Cervantes of MEChA clarified that the sheet from last week said \$875 as well.

Motion SC-15-F-02 by Cervantes of MEChA

Moved to discuss the amount of \$875 for NASU to attend National Indian Education Association Conference.

Second: Flannigan of BSU Vote:

13-0-1 Action: **PASSED**

Lee said that though they want to support NASU that the club officers of WHSA had a discussion about how the trip was only benefitting NASU, but she forgot what exactly her officers discussed and decided to postpone her comment. Panelo asked for questions and then asked if the number of participants would be 4 or 5. Gemmell answered yes. Moreno asked if the \$875 covered five people. Gemmell said yes. Someone asked if any Western students would be speaking at the conference. Gemmell answered yes, that NASU students would be presenting as well as their faculty advisor and another staff member would be attending. Panelo asked about the faculty that would be going and the transportation they were planning on taking. Gemmell said that their transportation would be between Native faculty and a student's dad that were going and they would be staying in a hotel. She said that they split up the hotel rooms amongst themselves. Moreno asked if sharing the rooms was okay with everyone participating. Gemmell answered yes. Ryan asked if there were any travel expenses. Gemmell said that they would be covering food on their own and that gas was covered by the faculty's department. Panelo asked if there were other events NASU would be asking for funds later in the year. She answered no. Ramos asked if the food was being paid for by the participants. Gemmell said that they would be paying for their own food. Ramos suggested the budget be upped to \$1000 to compensate for food. Panelo brought up the WWU business office and that students attending conferences were not allowed to use state funding. Roberts said that he would ask for clarification, but said that he was under the impression that you could. Moreno asked that if the budget increasing to a \$1000 would be an amendment. Ramos said that it was a suggestion and would need to be moved to an amendment. Roberts asked if Gemmell would value the

amendment. Gemmell responded yes, the group would appreciate the help in cost. Panelo brought back up that he was under the impression that clubs could not use state funding for food while at conventions. Ramos interjected that Western Votes would get money for food. Panelo said that Western Votes is a program, not a club. Panelo and Ramos suggested approving extra budget just in case.

Motion SC-15-F-03 by Moreno of MISO

Moved to amend the NASU budget to \$1000 until a time when they could determine WWU's specific policies.

Second: Cervantes of MEChA Vote: 13-0-1 Action: **PASSED**

Motion SC-15-F-04 by Cervantes of MEChA

Moved to approve the amount of \$1000 dollars for NASU's conference funding.

Second: Flanagan of BSU Vote: 13-0-1 Action: **PASSED**

b) FASA Heritage Dinner

Huang said that FASA was requesting \$1800 to cover food from Aramark. He said that they would be keeping tickets at \$10 and saving money by having volunteers to help with food. He also mentioned that they are now paying their performers and still providing food for performers.

Motion SC-15-F-05 by Lee of WWSA

Moved to discuss the approval of the amount of \$1800 for FASA's Heritage Dinner.

Second: Jackson of HOH Vote: 13-0-1 Action: **PASSED**

Someone asked how much tickets were for non-Western students. Huang answered \$15. Moreno asked how much money FASA expected to get back from sales of tickets. Huang said that their first priority is to get everyone fed and then to get the funds as close to zero as possible. Ramos asked if the tickets went down to \$10 for students. Huang answered yes. Ramos reminded the group that if they disagreed with the amount of \$1800 they would make a motion to increase or decrease the budget.

Motion SC-15-F-06 by Jackson of HOH

Moved to approve the amount of \$1800 for the FASA Heritage Dinner.

Second: Flanagan of BSU Vote: 13-0-1 Action: **PASSED**

V. Other Business

Ramos said that next week the group would go through Steering bylaws. She said that she would be sending out email about policies and

discussing if there should be a cap on how much a club can request. She also said that discussion of Robert's Rules of Order would happen the next meeting.

VI. CLUB UPDATES

MEChA and FASA- Sanchez said that November 1st they were planning an event and asked if any ESC clubs would like to participate. Cervantes said to get back to her via email by Monday if interested.

LSU- Sisson announced about their first meeting following directly after Steering Committee and there would be ice cream and pizza.

SASA- Harris announced that SASA meetings would now be biweekly and concentrate on discussions. She also announced that next week they would be hosting a privilege workshop.

WHSa- Lee announced that their first meeting was last week and about eight to fifteen people attended. She said that the group "got rowdy" and ran all over AW. She also announced that Wednesday they would be having a welcome potluck from 5-6pm in AW 205.

KSA- Cha announced that the first KSA meeting had 90 attendees. She said that their second meeting would be Wednesday in VU 564 from 5-6pm.

KhSA- Khuu said that their first meeting had 45 attendees and the University of Washington's KhSA came up to support them and that our own KhSA is going down to the University of Washington next week to support them as well.

FASA- Huang said that they had their first pot luck meeting last week. He said that their focus is on getting officers and also getting people to discuss as an activity. He added that they were missing rice and drinks. He mentioned that they were still looking for volunteers for their dances.

HOH- Jackson said that their first meeting this week going to have food and that the club is trying to change name to be more inclusive of all of the islands. She said that they are considering Pacific Islander Student Association or others.

ACC- Solomon said that their club still had some positions available that they were trying to fill.

VSA- Nguyen said that their first meeting would be the following day from 6-7pm.

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm