



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016

Non-Voting Members: Abby Ramos (AS VP for Diversity), Nate Panelo (ESC Coordinator), Ryan Roberts (AS Club Business Director), Alejandro Ibanez (ESC Marketing and Outreach Coordinator)

Voting Members: Tina Cha (KSA Steering Representative), Karen Liang (CSA Steering Representative), Vilay Lee (WHSA Steering Representative), Quyen Tran (VSA Steering Representative), Jona Akelipa (SASA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Gary Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Lena Guevara (HOH Steering Representative), Meron Knutzen (ACC Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (Blue Group), Keiichi Takano (JSA Steering Representative)

Absent: Jordan Butler (BSU Steering Representative), Michelle Martinez (LSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative)

Guests: None

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

SC-16-W-7 - Approval of the minutes of 2-9-16 with the stipulation that all appropriate changes be made. - **PASSED**

Abby Ramos, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion SC-16-W-7 by Knutzen of ACC
Moved to approve the minutes of 2-9-16 with the stipulation that all appropriate changes be made.
Seconded: Lee of WHSA Vote: 12-0-0 **PASSED**

II. USSA funding for two ESC Students (\$2250)

Ramos said that the LAC was funding 12 students to go to a USSA conference in Washington DC but there are two ESC specific spots and they were looking at add another 2. She said that it would pay for lodging, food, registration,

and flights. She said that the USSA was a national student-run organization. She said that Western would be the only school from the North West. She said that the organization advocated for student rights and free/reduced tuition. She said that they met twice a year, once in the spring and once in the summer. She said that the conference was in Washington DC and there would be workshops and speakers. She said that she had been to this conference before. She said that historically USSA had been white so they now required diversity for marginalized identities and a meet a quota. She said that food would be \$200, lodging \$400, transportation \$900 which included flights, and registration \$400, for a total of \$1900 for two students. She said they were asking for \$2000 from the Board to fund two more students as well. Moreno asked if Steering could meet the students they were funding. Ramos said no, that the students would not be notified until funding was secured. Roberts said that \$2000 was quite a lot for two people. Cha asked what clubs were represented. Ramos said BSU, SASA, and ACC. She said they were trying to find ways to reduce the costs. Moreno asked what would happen if they did not fund the request. Ramos said that she would look into that. Lee asked if there were other avenues to get the funds for these students. Ramos said that she was looking into it, but that they were in the process of preregistering students so the students had to go to the conference either way at this point. Roberts asked what the group was bringing back to campus. Ramos said that they represent the entire region and they would be meeting with legislature to make changes, so these students would not only be advocating on behalf of WWU, but also the entire region. Cha asked if the request was an underwrite. Ramos said yes. Lee asked when the event was. Ramos said that it would be March 18th-23rd. Lee asked where the event was. Ramos said Washington DC. Knutzen asked how other students were getting the funding. Ramos said that LAC was paying for the first 12, but since the ESC wanted to add 2 more students Steering would be funding the other 2. She said that in the past Steering had paid for this.

III. CLUB UPDATES

WHSA- Learning Family Titles 2/23 from 6-7pm in AW205

VSA- Movie Night 2/24 at 6pm in AW205

CSA- Bake Sale on vendor's row 2/24-2/25 from 10:30am-3pm

FASA- People Power Day meeting on 2/24. FYE (Feed Your Entertainment) on 2/26. Bake Sale coming soon.

ACC- Planning Heritage Dinner for May 5th.

Blue Group- General Meeting 5-6pm in MH C005

JSA- First open house event on 2/25 in MPR at 6pm.

SASA- Heritage Dinner on 3/5 at 6pm. Tickets on sale 2/25.

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm