



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, March 8th, 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), Dewey Nguyen (VSA Steering Representative), Jona Akelipa (SASA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Gaiy Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Mele Mataese (HOH Steering Representative), Meron Knutzen (ACC Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (Blue Group), Enrique Hernandez (LSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative)

Absent: Keiichi Takano (JSA Steering Representative), Jordan Butler (BSU Steering Representative)

Guests: Christine Men (KhSA), Thu Nguyen (VSA)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

SC-16-W-10 - Approval of the minutes of 3-1-16 with the stipulation that all appropriate changes be made. - **PASSED**

SC-16-W-11 - Approval of the amount of \$2000 for funding two ESC students to attend the USSA conference. - **PASSED**

Abby Ramos, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion SC-16-W-10 by Hernandez of LSU

Moved to approve the minutes of 3-1-16 with the stipulation that all appropriate changes be made.

Seconded: Moreno of MISO Vote: 13-0-0 **PASSED**

II. Info

a. KhSA (\$1350)

Christine Men said that she was the president of KhSA. She said that their heritage Dinner would be April 30th in the VU MPR. She said the goal of the event was cultural education and connection between younger and older generations. She said that there would be dancing and singing performances. She said that they were reaching out to Cambodian organizations in Seattle and Tacoma. Lee asked what their total cost was. Ramos said that the total costs were \$5,200. Moreno asked why the budget sheet said they were requesting \$1300. Men said that decorations might cost more than they originally expected. Lee asked for a breakdown of expenses. Men said the \$1350 was going toward Mallard's Ice-cream, food, and other miscellaneous costs. She said they were requesting \$600 from the Diversity fund to pay for event services and performers coming up from UW and \$1200 from Lenard Jones for catering. She mentioned that tickets were \$10 for students, \$15 for general admission, and a \$8 price for children under 8. Moreno asked how many people they were comping in. Men said they were comping 33, 14 being UW students. She said the 33 people were performers who would not be taking up table space, 10 of which would not be sitting at all. Ramos asked if they were comping them at the student rate. Khuu said they planned to comp at the general rate for the UW students. Hernandez asked if students from other universities usually got student ticket prices for events. Several Steering Reps suggested comping the US students at the student price. Panelo said that student costs included student fees and students got lower prices because they were the ones paying for fees. He said that people coming from other universities were not paying those fees. Ramos asked if they were only paying UW student performers. Khuu said yes and they were also reimbursing them for gas. Ramos asked about the Lenard Jones funding request. Khuu said that they had not asked yet, but that money was to help with food.

III. Action

a. MEChA National Funding \$2000

Sanchez said that the cost of renting vans was more than expected so they planned on getting vehicles from Enterprise. Roberts said that Western vehicles were cheaper for short trips, but more expensive than Enterprise for long trips. Moreno asked about gas. Sanchez said that they had raised most of the money themselves. Moreno asked why they had projected the trip costing \$3000, but the funds needed at \$3600. Sanchez said that the \$2000 requested was \$1200 for gas and \$800 for the van rentals. Ramos said that not all of the costs were correct. She said that lodging was \$1500 and they got \$1000 in funding so the club would have to use their own club funds to cover the difference. She said that this left them with \$300 to pay for food for all of the students. Panelo asked about Fairhaven funding. Hernandez said that their request fell through because Fairhaven

did not have the spare funding. Mataese asked about the Diversity Fund. Ramos said that fund was for events. Moreno asked about the Lenard Jones fund. Ramos said that was only for food.

Motion SC-16-W-11 by Cindy Marquina-Negrete of Blue Group
Moved to approve the amount of \$2000 for funding two ESC students to attend the USSA conference.
Seconded: Huang of FASA Vote: 10-0-3 **PASSED**

IV. By-Laws

Ramos said during the next meeting they were going to talk about the \$1500 limit. She mentioned that Activities Council did not have a hard cap, but they broke the rules very rarely and had a soft cap of \$150 per person for conference funding. She said that they would also discussing how much a club would be able to request and turning the \$2000 cap into a guideline instead of a strict rule. She said they were lastly going to discuss who would be able to come and request funds. She gave the example that she herself had come to request funds for conferences though she was not a part of an ESC club, but it was not stated in the bylaws that she could do that. She said they would discuss these on April 4th.

V. Other Business

a. AS Update

Ramos said that the VU Budget and Fee proposal would increase the student fees by \$2-4 for nonacademic building. She said that the proposal could still pass without the Board's approval. She said the VU could not sustain itself currently. She said the Info desk would no longer sell candy.

Ramos said that housing costs on campus would increase \$200 for dorms and dining. Moreno asked why. Ramos said the increase would be to maintain the dorms and expenses have increased. She said they also wanted to build a new dorm. She said they would also change it so different dorms would cost different amounts, newer dorms costing more. She said that this seemed classist.

Ramos said that Panelo had created a Charge and Cater for the executive team handling the Multicultural center and would be approved by the Board of Directors.

VI. Club Updates

SASA- Heritage Dinner went well!

KhSA- Heritage Dinner on April 30th.

WHSA- New meeting time next quarter.

LSU- Heritage Dinner May 21st at 6:30pm.

VSA- Heritage Dinner April 16th. Will be requesting \$1200.

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm