



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, April 18th, 2016

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

Voting Members: Tina Cha (KSA Steering Representative), Danile Tang (CSA Steering Representative), Ricky Change (WHSA Steering Representative), Diana Nguyen (VSA Steering Representative), Jona Akelipa (SASA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Gary Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Mele Mataese (HOH Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative), Cindy MarquinaNegrete (Blue Group), Dairely Camache (LSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative), Blen Desta (ACC Steering Representative), Weyni Haddis (BSU Steering Representative), Takahiro Matsuno (JSA Steering Representative) **Absent:** None

Guests: Vicky Matey (Blue Group), Nathaniel Williams II (BSU), Aleyda Cervantes (MEChA)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

Abby Ramos, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. on Monday, April 18th, 2016

I. Info

a. WHSA (\$800)

Lee said that they were requesting funds for cultural dance outfits to be used in future performances and cultural displays. She expressed that their club did not own anything that displayed their cultural heritage and these outfits could be used for years to come. She said they wanted to buy 8 sets for traditional female dance attire. She said they consistently 8 members showing up for dance practices. She said they had been fundraising but needed help. She said these traditional wears were \$100 a set and were handmade. She expressed how good of a deal this was

compared to the usual \$300-\$500 dollars. Moreno asked if this related to their last request. Lee said no, though their last request was a complete success. Sanchez asked if these outfits would fit multiple people. Lee said yes, that they were one size fits all and the outfits were adjustable. Roberts said that WHSA had made three request for \$495 dollars. Which was a small amount. Lee said that their club was only two years old and she was proud of how active their club was. She noted that she would like this item to be moved to an action item. Panelo asked why they needed to move the item. Lee said that they needed the clothing made before the Culture Shock event. Roberts asked how long it took to make the clothing. Lee said that the maker had already begun crafting the clothing. She said that WHSA was able to raise \$900 and she was confident that they could fundraise the funds without Steering if they decided not to fund the request.

Motion SC-16-SPR-8 by Sanchez of MEChA Moved to make this item an action item.

Seconded: Marquina-Negrete of Blue Group Vote: 15-0-1 **PASSED**

Motion SC-16-SPR-9 by Moreno of MISO

Moved to approve the amount of \$1800 to ACC for their traditional garments.

Seconded: Akelipa of SASA Vote: 14-0-2 **PASSED**

II. Action

a. ACC (\$1800)

Knutzen said that they were hosting their Heritage dinner on May 7th and their request would cover food and decorations. Ramos asked if they had an exact amount on the food. Knutzens said no, but that it would be lower than they originally expected. Moreno asked about a Bookstore Donation request. Knutzen said that those funds would only cover raffle prizes.

Motion SC-16-SPR-10 by Thompson of NASU

Moved to approve the amount of \$1800 to ACC for their Heritage dinner.

Seconded: Sanchez of MEChA Vote: 13-0-3 **PASSED**

b. LSU (\$1600)

Dairely Camache said they were requesting funds to cover performers, publicity, decorations, and event services. She said that they were thinking about having live music. Ramos asked why they had \$125 for copy services. Camache said because they were making copies of the poster. Ramos said that was included publicity. Panelo said that they were using

those funds to make programs. He asked if they got any funding from the Diversity Fund.

Motion SC-16-SPR-11 by Haddis of BSU

Moved to approve the amount of \$1600 to LSU for their event.

Seconded: Huang of FASA Vote: 13-0-3 **PASSED**

III. Info

a. BSU (\$600)

Weyni Haddis said that they wanted to graduation sashes for 30 graduating BSU members in the Spring and Fall. She said that the sashes would cost \$20 a piece. Panelo said that this request had not been put into orgsync. He said that this fund could not be used as gifts for students. He said that they could use their own club funds though.

IV. Other Business

a. VP for Diversity

Ramos said that three candidates for the VP of Diversity were guests at this committee. She said that she wanted Steering to have an opportunity to get to know the candidates and their platforms and also ask them questions.

Vicky Matey thanked the committee for having her. She said that she was a student Vice President at Whatcom Community College and the Chair of a Social Justice committee. She said that she had hosted multiple workshops on social justice and diversity. She said that she was a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and an active member of the Latino Leadership Club. She said that now she was a part of Blue Group. She said she had dedicated the last three years of her life to social justice and leadership. She said that she had attended at least 40 workshop to improve her craft. She said she is an undocumented immigrant and has been able to connect with people through hosting workshops. She said that he main goal as the VP of Diversity would be push for the Multicultural Center and push for more diverse voices on campus. She said she also wanted more offices and clubs to be able to work together. Lee asked about what drove her. Matey said that she was driven by helping and inspiring others. She said that was the reason she loved workshops so much. She said that she strove to inspire others to be leaders. Lee asked about event ideas that could empower others. Matey said that being a transformational leader took time and crafting and she would do her best

to work with others. She said that she planned on hosting workshops to do so.

Nathaniel Williams II said that he had worked with Campus Student Equity to create a safer campus and reforming the education system to help teacher understand inclusion and diversity. He said that he was also the VP of Student Engagement for RHA. He said he was heading a program about diversity and making changes on campus. He said that he wanted to help the ESC advertise. He said he was an active member of BSU and helped the ESC facilitate conferences. He said he has also been working with the Bellingham Homeless and the Housing Budget Committee. He said that his goal was to push for the Multicultural Center and to get more students of color in positions of Leadership. He wanted to get more freshmen involved on campus. He said he wanted to redefine activism to create change on campus and in the community. He said that his goal was to help every feel included. He said that he wanted to be an inspiration to students of marginalized identities. Sanchez asked about his role in the Multicultural Center. Williams said that he supported the Center but did not have a direct connection yet. He said that he had applied for the executive committee to help support the center.

Aleyda Cervantes said that she was the co-chair of MEChA. She said that her goals were to work closely with the construction of the Multicultural Center and get as many freshmen involved as possible. She said she also wanted to work with the Resource and Outreach Programs within the AS. She said these offices were underfunded and she wanted to fight to support these offices. She said that diversity should be a key focus in every office and across campus. Lee asked what inspired her to run for the position. Cervantes said that she wanted to create community and she wanted to give back to the community she loved. Navarre asked her role in the AS this year. Cervantes said that this year she was the Social Issues Resource Center Coordinator. She said that the programming they put on intersected with different identities. She said they had a series where they were able to bring 5 speakers to campus for Cultures of Resistance and also women of color speakers to campus. She said that the job of diversity should not be left on the shoulders of students of those identities. Moreno asked about the clubs she had been involved in. Cervantes said that she had been involved with MEChA and LSU since her Freshman year. She said that she also tried to volunteer as much as possible for conferences and heritage dinners.

Ramos reminded everyone to vote at as.wvu.edu as well as certain tables on campus.

b. AS Update

Ramos said that idea was to have a \$70,00 fund for two years for a conference fund. She said this would make conference funding more accessible.

Ramos said there were 7 applicants for 6 positions on the executive committee for the Multicultural Center.

V. Club Updates

KhSA: 6th Annual Heritage Dinner (Pon Savada Kon Khmer) 4/30 @ 6pm in the MPR

LSU: Annual Heritage Dinner

FASA: NWFASA Conference this week

SASA: Holi, Festival of Color on AW Lawn 5/21 @2pm

WHSa: Weekly Meeting Wednesday in AW305 @6pm

ACC: Heritage Dinner May 7th

HOH: Heritage Dinner May 14th (still looking for dancers)

MISO: Meeting 4/18 in AW 203 @ 7pm

KSA: General meeting Wednesday in AW 304 @5pm

MEChA: Meeting in Miller 005 Thursday @ 7pm

Blue Group: General Meeting in CEED on Tuesday @ 6:30pm

BSU: Black Ball 4/23 @ 7pm in Library (Harry Potter Room)—Students \$10 and General \$12

ESC: New Advisor (Emmanuel) Welcome Party 4/21 - Culture Shock 5/12

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm