



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, April 25th, 2016

Non-Voting Members: Abby 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), Julia Miao (CSA Steering Representative), Vilay Lee (WWSA Steering Representative), Diana 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), Dairely Cmanacno (LSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative), Dylan Rus-Ingham (BSU Steering Representative)

Absent: Keiichi Takano (JSA Steering Representative),

Guests: Takahiro Matsuno (VSA)

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 25th, 2016

I. Info

a. LSU (\$100)

Hugo Sanchez said that they were planning on having a BBQ between all of the ESC. He said that they wanted to have music and that his brother had agreed to DJ. He said they planned on having lawn games. He said they wanted to bring the club community together. He said it would be \$80 for food and \$20 for the DJ for each club participating. He said it would be open for anyone to bring potluck food as well. He said the total request was \$400. He said this would be an ESC event, not a campus wide event. He said the event was planned for May 22nd which is a Sunday. Huang said that they would have open donations as well. Knutzen asked where it would be. Sanchez said they were looking at 3 different parks, but the deciding factor

would be which park had a power hookup. He said the park would be close to campus for transportation convenience.

II. Other Business

a. By-Laws Editing

Ramos said that the last meeting they had decided they would eliminate the need for a representative when making a request. She said the next item was the \$1500 limit on breaking the rules of operation to hold a vote. Akelipa said that \$1500 seemed arbitrary. Roberts said that it could be less than 50% of yearly allocation. Abby asked for clarification. Roberts said that there were 16 clubs, making each able to request \$1850 evenly. He said half of that would be a little less than \$1000 at a time without having to bring it back to clubs. Akelipa said that felt drastic. Roberts said that a percentage would plan for fluctuations in number of clubs or amount of funds in the future. Panelo asked what was stopping someone from request more than they needed to be able to get that half. Akelipa said that it was half of how much they could request for the year, not half of how much they were requesting. Rus-Ingham said that it still felt arbitrary. Roberts said that limiting last minute requests would be an incentive to get club requests in sooner. Khuu asked if someone asked for \$750 if they would need to come in twice. Panelo said not, that it would be up to \$1000. Akelipa suggested 75%. Roberts said that was high. Ramos suggested letting each new Steering to decide on a case by case basis. Akelipa said that there is human error and it should be up to the Steering Committee. Ramos said they should vote between 50% and 75%. Sanchez said percentages were tricky. Ramos said that a percent would move with the fluctuations. Roberts said that it's important that each rep bring these requests back to their clubs and having such a large amount voted on without conversation. Ramos suggested 60%. Men said that sounded good. Akelipa said that his own vote was not different than his club's. Roberts said that the process of representation was important, even if the vote does not change. Ramos said process creates barriers though this community tends to be pretty supportive. She asked if they wanted to wait and ask clubs. Miao said that she would like to wait.

Ramos moved on to talk about the \$2000 soft cap. Moreno said that they had not been abiding by that completely. Panelo said it was an implied guideline. Men said that it should be up to the Steering committee to make this decision on a case by case basis. Panelo said that \$2000 should not be a hard number. Moreno said that this rule was meant for the budget to be divided equally. He suggested putting a cap on the first two quarters. Knutzen said that they should leave some wiggly room, a portion that is secured. Akelipa said that they should have a buffer zone. He said it

changed when clubs joined or left mid-year. Moreno said most clubs don't use that \$1850 that each club would get. He said that \$2000 would be a buffer. Men said a time limit or a cap would put a limit on clubs and Steering should be a supportive space. She said that it doesn't matter because some clubs use more and other use less. She said that she doesn't see clubs being upset if some got more and some got less. Akelipa said that \$2000 plus a few hundred positive buffer. Panelo said that each club would have to be aware that some would not get the full equal allotment then. Res-Ingham said that they should be wary of clubs requesting far more than others. He suggested using a cap as a tool and then operating on a case by case basis. Panelo that left over funds from heritage dinners come back to Steering and then Steering's excess funds go towards balancing other accounts. He said that he was nervous with the opposition between planning and spending just because the money is there. Moreno said that he did not know how much everyone had requested but he wanted to make sure everyone had access. Ramos said she would bring that next week. Panelo said that numbers are a bit different from the year before. He said that clubs are requesting the right amount for events so there was less balancing or money coming back when compared to previous years. Roberts suggested adding a total of previous request broken down by club to the agenda. Panelo suggested against that.

Ramos said that reps should bring these items back to their clubs. Panelo suggested that each Steering makes a soft cap every year.

Ramos said that they needed to discuss who could request money from Steering. She said that she had requested money from Steering several times and that would be an item next week.

b. AS Update

Ramos said that the Board was talking about a Student Enhancement Fund. She said the ESC executive position charge and charter changed from 6 students to 7 students. She said the Board was creating a resolution regarding student labor. She said that students sometimes are required to take course for their job, but are required to pay for them which is against the law.

III. Club Updates

ACC: Dinner May 7th

VSA: Quarterly Pho Night Wednesday April 27th in AW 5:30

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

LSU: Meeting in ESC Tuesdays at 6:00

MEChA: Lowrider Show May 15th — BBQ May 22nd — Meeting Thursday in Miller 005

KSA: General Meeting in AW 403 @ 5pm

NASU: General Meeting 4/25 @ 6pm

HOH: Lua'u tickets on sale May 14th

CSA: General Meeting 4/28 in AW 304 @ 5pm

SASA: Holi May 21st@2pm on the Comm Lawn — Festival of Color

KhSA: Heritage Dinner Saturday @ 6pm

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm