



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, May 16th, 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), Vilay Lee (WHSA Steering Representative), Diana Nguyen (VSA Steering Representative), Jona Akelipa (SASA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Gary Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Meron Knutzen (ACC Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (Blue Group), Aleyda Cervantes (MEChA Steering Representative), Keiichi Takano (JSA Steering Representative), Dylan Rus-Ingham (BSU Steering Representative)

Absent: Michelle Martinez (LSU Steering Representative), Karen Liang (CSA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mele Mataese (HOH Steering Representative)

Guests: Maria Prieto (Guest from Blue Group)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

SC-16-SPR-17- Approval of the minutes of 4/4 and 4/11 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes be made. - **PASSED**

SC-16-SPR-18- Approval of the amount of \$600 in the form of a grant to SASA for their festival. - **PASSED**

SC-16-SPR-19- Suspension of the rules of operation in order to move the Blue Group Request to an action item. - **PASSED**

Abby Ramos, A. S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. on Monday, May 16th, 2016

I. Introduction

Ramos introduced Aleyda Cervantes, the new VP of Diversity. She said that Cervantes would be leading the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion SC-1 6-SPR-17 by Akelipa of SASA

Moved to approve the minutes of 4/4 and 4/11 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes be made.

Seconded: Huang of FASA Vote: 10-0-0 **PASSED**

III. Action

a. SASA (\$600)

Akeplipa said that because of some complications with the caterer so they decided to not have food and instead lower ticket prices. He said that now they would be making their own holi powder. He said they were requested \$200 instead of \$600. Panelo advised keeping the request at \$600. Moreno asked how they were making the powder. Akelipa said that usually they would order half and then mix in corn starch, mentioning that the color was less bold but they were able to double their quantities. Cha asked about ticket price. Akelipa said that ticket would be \$3 presale and \$5 at the door and they would go on sale Wednesday. Moreno asked about how much they were requesting. Akelipa said \$600.

Motion SC-16-SPR-18 by Moreno of MISO

Moved to approve the amount of \$600 in the form of a grant to SASA for their festival

Seconded: Marquina-Negrete of Blue Group Vote: 8-0-2 **PASSED**

b. Blue Group

Ramos said they were adding Blue Group to the agenda. Maria Prieto said they were request \$1500 to be able to send two students to a conference. Cha asked what the money was specifically for. Prieto said the money would go towards conference admission, lodging, and food. Ramos added that this was Blue Group's first request. Moreno asked if they were only requesting \$50 for food. Prieto said most of food was covered by the conference. Panelo said Steering Committee money could not be used for food. Lee asked how many students. 2 covered, money to pay for 2 more. Cervantes said that conferences made a lot of impact on clubs and this would be a great experience for Blue Group. Ramos asked how much in funds the committee had left. Panelo said about \$2000 not including underwrites coming back or events that went over budget. Akelipa asked how much would come back to the committee. Panelo said that students had been thorough with budgeting this year so he guessed less than \$1000. Ramos suggested suspending the rules of operation in order to vote. Lee asked how much they had in their account. Prieto said \$100-\$200.

Motion SC-1 6-SPR-19 by Akelipa of SASA

Moved to suspend the rules of operation in order to move the Blue Group Request to an action item.

Seconded: Moreno of MISO Vote: 10-0-0 **PASSED**

Akelipa asked if the Committee met next week if they could approve more funds for Blue Group. Ramos said that they had to make sure they were not spending past their limits. Moreno said they could at least give Blue Group a little more funds. Panelo suggested \$1500 this week or \$2000 next week. Moreno asked when the conference was. Prieto said June 10th. Ramos said they would meet next week to discuss the number of \$2000.

IV. Other Business

a. Bylaws

Panelo said that he had added some wording to the bylaws. He read line by line the entirety of the bylaws. He noted that he added that requests could come from the ESC and not just ESC Clubs. Moreno noted that someone other than a Steering Rep should be encouraged to present but not mandatory. Navarre noted that it was a lot to put on a Steering Rep to bring every proposal back to their clubs and also present their club's own proposals. Panelo made the change.

Motion SC-16-SPR-20 by Moreno of MISO

Moved to approve the bylaws with edits.

Seconded: Lee of WHSA Vote: 11-0-0 **PASSED**

b. AS Update

Ramos said that the AS was getting 9 new tablets coming in at \$13,000. She said that it was limited to AS employees. She said they would be available for committee meetings. Moreno asked if it was because they didn't all have computers. Ramos noted that they would be available to take to take to committee meetings. Navarre said that Activities Council didn't print out any documents, instead relying on tablets. Akelipa asked for their function. Ramos said that they could access the Q drive available to AS Employees.

Ramos said that the Board voted to boycott a certain berry producer but that was illegal so the vote was retracted.

Ramos said some student employees were required to do certain trainings and classes and the Board voted to abolish that.

Ramos said that Eastern also wanted a Multicultural Center and Western gave them a letter of solidarity as well as Gonzaga.

V. Club Updates

KhSA- Elections tonight and Hide and Seek Comm lawn Thursday

JSA- OMATSURI “Summer Festival” on May 20th @ 6:30pm

MISO: Joint Meeting in AW 302/303 @ 5pm

FASA- Elections this week

SASA- Holi Festival of Color Saturday 5/21 - tickets on sale Wednesday

VSA- Elections Wednesday 5/18 in AW 405 @ 6pm - Canada trip this Saturday

Blue Group- General Meetings in CEED on Tuesday @ 6:30pm - Info Session
“Living Undocumented” Thursday May 26th from 1pm to 2:30pm in VU 567

MEChA- Elections this week

WHSА- Mad Hatter Tea Party 5/17 from 10am-4pm in VU 462 - Dine in or take out!

KSA- General Meeting in AW 203 @ 5pm Wednesdays

KhSA- Elections today!

Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 3:54pm