



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

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

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**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), Karen Liang (CSA Steering Representative), Vilay Lee (WWSA Steering Representative), Diana Nguyen (VSA Steering Representative), Johnny Phan (SASA Steering Representative), Jennifer Khuu (KhSA Steering Representative), Mitchell Thompson (NASU Steering Representative), Gaiy Huang (FASA Steering Representative), Mele Mataese (HOH Steering Representative), Cindy Marquina-Negrete (Blue Group), Enrique Hernandez (LSU Steering Representative), Hugo Sanchez (MEChA Steering Representative), Blen Desta (ACC Steering Representative), , Takahiro Matsuno (JSA Steering Representative)

**Absent:** Weyni Haddis (BSU Steering Representative), Edward Moreno (MISO Steering Representative)

**Guests:** None

**Secretary:** Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

### Motions

**SC-16-SPR-12-** Approval of the amount of \$400 to LSU for their End of Year ESC BBQ. - **PASSED**

**SC-16-SPR-13-** Alteration of Section 3.04C of the ESC Steering Committee's bylaws so that the committee can break the bylaws to move an item to an action item if the request is 50% or less of the total soft cap for year. - **PASSED**

**Abby Ramos, A. S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

#### I. Action

##### a. LSU (\$400)

Panelo suggested grouping the four \$100 requests for the BBQ into one request. Ramos suggested LSU be the lead budget authority for this request. Lee asked what the event was. Sanchez said it was an end of year BBQ for the ESC Clubs, hosted by BSU, LSU, MEChA, and FASA. He said the event would be open to anyone though. He said the \$400 would

support the music and food. He encouraged other ESC clubs to get involved as well. He said a friend was going to DJ and they were still deciding which park. He said the event would be on a Sunday

**Motion SC-16-SPR-12** by Lee of WHSA

Moved to approve the amount of \$400 to LSU for their End of Year ESC BBQ.

Seconded: Marquina-Negrete of Blue Group Vote: 11-0-3 **PASSED**

## II. Info

### a. JSA (\$1000)

Matsuno said that they were requesting funds for an event in the summer. He said it would welcome Japanese students to the Bellingham community. He said they would set up games to play. He said they had already put in the request with the Diversity Fund. He said food would be \$9 per person and some of the fund would also go towards decorations. Lee asked if they would sell tickets. Matsuno said yes. Mataese asked when the event was. Matsuno said Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## III. Other Business

Ramos reminded the committee that the last day to put in requests was May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She said that the last Steering Meeting could be the 16<sup>th</sup> of May if there are no more requests.

### a. Bylaws

Ramos said that they were going to discuss the maximum of \$2000. Thompson said that this club had thought that a club should be able to break the bylaws to request 50% of their max for the year, in this case \$1000. Sanchez agreed. Ramos reminded the council it would still be up to the discretion of Steering Committee to break the bylaws to move something to an action item. She said that even if a request fit into the rules the committee could deny to move it.

**Motion SC-16-SPR-13** by Hernandez of LSU

Moved to alter Section 3.04C of the ESC Steering Committee's bylaws so that the committee can break the bylaws to move an item to an action item if the request is 50% or less of the total soft cap for year.

Seconded: Thompson of NASU Vote: 12-1-1 **PASSED**

Ramos said that the soft cap would be up to the discretion of the new Steering Committee each year. She said everything was staying pretty much the same or would be up to the discretion of Aleyda Cervantes, the VP of Diversity for the next year.

Ramos said that she had asked for money from Steering though she was not a club. She asked the committee with they should change the rule to include people who were not ESC clubs. Lee said that they needed to clarify one way or the other. Sanchez asked when she had requested funds. Ramos said she had requested funds for different conferences or conventions throughout the year. Lee asked where their Steering funds came from. Ramos said they were allocated from the AS and were student funds. Hernandez said that her requests had benefited students of color so they should keep the fund open for opportunities like that that were not necessarily club based. Panelo said that opening it up would be opening it to other offices, departments, faculty. He asked the committee if they were okay with that. Sanchez said that they had the right to deny requests. Hernandez said it was important for students of color to get opportunities even if they were not a part of a ESC club. Ramos said that changing the bylaw would open the fund up to a lot of people. Panelo said that different people would be sitting on the committee in the future and they needed to be clear for them. He said the fund was also meant to benefit ESC clubs just as Activities Council was meant to benefit clubs. Lee asked if they were allowed to amend this. Ramos said yes. Lee asked if the bylaws would be approved by anyone else. Ramos said that they would be approved by the board. Lee pointed out that it could be denied by the Board if they made a drastic amendment. Ramos said that the Board did not have a culture that would deny something like this. She suggested amending the bylaws to say that members of the ESC Steering Committee could request funds. She said that would then include the VP of Diversity. Panelo suggested adding ESC students as well. Ramos said they would then needed to create a guiding document of what can be requested from Steering. She said that in Activities Council a student could only request \$150 per person for conference funding. She suggested they waited a week, but required that everyone come back with a clear idea of what their club would prefer.

Ramos reminded everyone to put in their last funding requests as soon as possible

#### IV. Club Updates

LSU: Heritage Dinner May 21<sup>st</sup>

SASA: Event May 21<sup>st</sup>

KhSA: General Meetings Monday 7-8pm AW 203

CSA + WHSA: Joint Meeting 5/5 AW 203 @ 5pm

HOH: Gneral Meeting AW 305 on Thursdays

ACC: Heritage Dinner on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

VSA: Nominations on 5/4

KSA: General Meeting 5/3 5-6pm AW 403

WHSA: Mad Hatter Tea Party 6-8pm in AW 205

**Abby Ramos adjourned the meeting at 3:48pm**