



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

**Meeting Minutes for: Monday, October 17, 2016**

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**Non-Voting Members:** Aleyda Cervantes (VP for Diversity), Lafayette Baker (ESC Assistant Director), Simon Bahta (ESC Director), Mikahil Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Abby Ramos (ROP Director)

**Voting Members:** Fatuma Musa (ACC), Olga Prado (Blue Group), Vicky Matey (Blue Group), Davida Ege (BSU), Henry He (CSA), Tommy You (FASA), Sophie Casalini (OSA), Yasuka Hayashi (JSA), Michelle Martinez (LSU), Melanie Guan (KhSA), Kelsy Khansila (KSA), Diego Prado (MEChA), Kluay Bale (MISO), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Lung Le (VSA), Tommy Cha (WH SA)

**Absent:** Dalton Jones (NASU)

**Guests:**

**Secretary:** Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

**MOTIONS**

**SC-16-F-04** - Motion to approve minutes from 10-3-2016. - **PASSED**

**SC-16-F-05** - Motion to move the Blue Group information item to action item. - **PASSED**

**Aleyda Cervantes, A.S. Vice President for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SC-16-F-04 by Prado. Moved to approve the minutes from  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.**

**Second: He**

**Vote: 15-0-0**

**PASSED**

**II. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Blue Group 1000

Cervantes explained that in the past, the ESC director would have opened the budget documents on the screen and show them. O Prado said that they had their plans solidified for a Webinar in California. The date of the event would be November 9<sup>th</sup>. The webinar would be for talking about grad school and bachelor's degrees. There would be three presenters, including the Blue Group's advisor. The webinar would be about an hour to an hour and a half. Some topics would include how to get your bachelor's degree and getting funded. Matey said that the price seemed high, but there were so few undocumented students that go on to graduate school, that it would be good advising. Matey said that when she graduated college, she didn't know what to do or who to turn to. The people putting on the webinar are also undocumented students who have made a business of putting on webinars for undocumented students. The webinar will be open to other students and community members. Guan asked what a webinar was. Matey said it was like a skype conference. Ganesh asked if it would be recorded. Matey said yes, if the people putting on the webinar agreed. Cervantes reminded everyone that this would be voted on next week, and people could ask more questions then. Bale asked if the \$1,000 was going to pay for the speakers, and O Prado and Matey said yes.

**SC-16-F-05 by Prado. Motioned to approve to move \$1,000 for Blue Group from info item to action item.**

**Second: Ganesh**

**Vote: 13-0-2**

**PASSED**

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Night Market

Cervantes said that she met with Shalom of event services, and Shalom asked what tickets would be and if they needed to reserve the MPR in case of rain. In order to reserve the MPR, they would need a definite date. Cervantes said that she talked to Presidents Council, and the biggest question was if they wanted to do the

Culture Shock event on top of the Night Market. She said that that would be a lot for clubs to do, and there was the possibility of doing the Night Market instead of Culture Shock. She continued that the ESC could request funding from the LEOF for the event. Matey suggested that they had a few performances, from clubs who could perform instead of having a booth. That way the two events wouldn't clash. If they advertised it as a night market with performances, it would draw people in. Cervantes agreed that this would help to not overwhelm people. Bahta reiterated that the performances would enhance Night Market and be a supplement. He said that they could collaborate with the ASP. Cervantes said that she wanted to work with Steering, rather than outside of the council. Then they could bring updates to the committee. If they used the event-planning website Trelo, it could help them plan. Cervantes talked again about reserving Red Square or the MPR. She would email Shalom with dates, times, and prices. Bahta asked if everyone wanted to do Night Market, and nobody seemed opposed. He said that people could think about it and talk about it, and then email the ESC. Matey said that clubs should be contacting the ESC more. Cervantes said that people could submit things on OrgSync, and then showed people how. She told people to contact her by Friday if there was something people wanted to add to the agenda. If nobody submitted anything, she would cancel Steering.

Ganesh asked what the budget for Culture Shock was. Bahta said that he wasn't sure off the top of his head, but it was a lot. Cervantes said that the PAC charged a dollar per person, even if the event was free.

#### B. ESC Committee Spots

Cervantes said that there were still committee spots, and no one from the ESC was still on these committees. Martinez asked how to sign up for these committees. Cervantes explained that it could be done through OrgSync or the AS website. Jackson explained that it could be anyone from an ESC club. Cervantes offered her help if people needed help filling out the applications. Guan asked what the time periods were for these committees. Cervantes said that it depended on the committee. Baker pointed out that a lot of these committee spots lined up with future career paths. Cervantes said that even if the committees sounded boring, they

were important to running campus. Jackson said that it was important because it gave the ESC a voice in those committees. Baker said that even if the committee didn't line up with a career path, they were great experience.

#### C. Churros and Change

Cervantes said that this was from 7-9 in the MPR. There will be churros and discussions of how to get involved in school. It's mainly for people in the ESC and ROP. This event will help get representation in the college community. Various offices around campus will be speaking there. Cherrie Moraga, a queer Chicana writer, is speaking this Thursday at 6:30 pm in Miller 138. She is also doing a writing workshop on Friday from 9-11 am.

#### D. ESC Lobby Day

People are still needed to help coordinate. Presidents council is putting the agenda together, but they still need a leader.

Cervantes asked the members to go back to their clubs and ask for help. Bryce Hammer is putting things together such as buses, and who's going, and the ESC Lobby Days funding is coming out of the overall Lobby Days funding.

### **IV. CLUB UPDATES**

ACC - weekly meetings at 5:30 Wednesdays, Miller 105

Blue Group - meetings Wednesdays at 6, Miller Hall 135. Biweekly. Selling hot chocolate and pan dulce on Vendor's Row on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Immigration lawyer visiting club this Wednesday.

BSU - meetings Tuesdays VU 462A/B at 6 pm

CSA - joint meeting with KhSA and VSA, two Tuesdays from now.

FASA - meeting at 7 on Wednesday. Might be in the ESC, because they're preparing lumpia from Wednesday to Friday. Their heritage dinner is Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in the MPR

OSA - Dance practices this Thursday after the meeting in AW 210

JSA - meetings Miller Hall 235, Tuesdays 5-6

KhSA - General meetings at 7 pm on Mondays in AW 204. Cambodian culture night is happening on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

KSA - General meetings on Wednesdays at 5 in VU 464.

LSU - general meeting in Miller Hall 139

MEChA - Danza Azteca is performing at Whatcom Community College for Dia de los Muertos on November 1<sup>st</sup>

MISO - Meetings on Monday at 7, Miller Hall 154

SASA - No updates. Monthly meetings

VSA - meetings on Wednesdays at 6 pm in AW 305. Turkey Bowl on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

WHSA - Meetings every Tuesday AW 405 at 6 pm.

Matey said that since the Chicanx clubs were collaborating for Dia de los Muertos, should the request come from just one club or all of them? They're sharing the price of food. Jackson said that if it was big, they could go to the LEOF. Cervantes said that only AS offices could ask for funds from the LEOF. She said that one request could be put in, and all the budget authorities should sign it.

He asked if they had to write down any updates if nothing had changed. Cervantes said no, unless anything had changed or any events were coming up.

Ege said that BSU was having a joint meeting with ACC at 6 pm in VU 462A/B.

Khansila asked when the Cambodian culture night was. Guan said it's happening November 18<sup>th</sup>. Bahta asked if it was their heritage dinner, and Guan said no. Bahta said that he wanted one of the group members to talk to him. Cervantes said that for events, any forms submitted had to first go through Matey or Bahta. Jackson also had to go over the budget. Bahta said that he and Matey could go to any event planning meetings. Khansila asked if Cervantes wanted the members to go back to their groups and ask about a time frame. Cervantes said that she wanted a date, and if they wanted it with/ instead of Culture Shock. She also wanted to know about collaborating with vendors. Bahta said that he also wanted to know if the club was participating or not.

## **V. ESC UPDATES**

Bahta said that next month, the ESC is doing a series of events on mental health. He would post information about it.

Bale asked when the ESC retreat was. Bahta said it was postponed because of the "storm". There wasn't a tentative date, and it probably wasn't going to happen until next quarter since students were so busy.

Cervantes asked if everyone was part of the Facebook group. Several people said no. Cervantes pulled it up on screen. She said that if you typed “ESC Steering 16-17” you could find it. She posts events and links to committees on there.

**Aleyda Cervantes adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**