



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

Meeting Minutes for: Monday, October 31, 2016

Non-Voting Members: Aleyda Cervantes (VP for Diversity), Lafayette Baker (ESC Assistant Director), Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Vicky Matey

Voting Members: Fatuma Musa (ACC), Olga Prado (Blue Group), Davida Ege (BSU), Henry He (CSA), Tommy You (FASA), Takahiro Matsuno (JSA), Melanie Guan (KhSA), Yaritza Esqueda (LSU), Diego Prado (MEChA), Kluay Bale (MISO), Sophie Casalini (OSA), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Lung Le (VSA), Tommy Cha (WHA)

Absent: Simon Bahta (ESC Director), Kelsy Khansila (KSA), Dalton Jones (NASU)

Guests:

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

MOTIONS

SC-16-F-14 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 24th, 2016 - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-15 - Motion to make the Dia de los Muertos information item an action item for this meeting - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-16 - Motion to make the Khmer Cultural Night information item an action item for next week - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-17 - Motion to make the ACC Thanks Giving Dinner information item an action item for next week - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-18 - Motion to approve \$120 for the Dia de los Muertos dinner - **PASSED**

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SC-16-F-14 - You moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 24th, 2016.

Second: Cha Vote: 13-0-0

PASSED

II. BUDGET UPDATE

Jackson said that so far, there are \$26,730 dollars in the budget. He said that Steering was pretty on-track. Historically, nobody asked for much until Winter or Spring quarter, but he told people to still do what they're doing. He recapped the requests from the last few weeks. Cervantes asked if there were any questions. She said that if anybody wanted to request money or be put on the agenda, they could do it over OrgSync.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dia de los Muertos \$120 (Latinx Student Union)

Esqueda said that LSU was doing their annual Dia de los Muertos event at Whatcom Community College. She didn't know much about it, but was sent as a representative.

Esqueda said her club was in charge of providing activities for kids, such as crayons and face paint. The event is tomorrow at Whatcom Community College. Cervantes asked if they needed the money by tomorrow, and Esqueda said yes. Matey clarified that this was because the event was unable to get a sponsorship for food.

SC-16-F-15 - D. Prado moved to make the information item an action item.

Second: He

Vote: 12-0-1

PASSED

B. Khmer Culture Night \$200 (KhSA)

Guan said that instead of a general meeting at the end of Fall quarter, KhSA is having a culture night. The money request is for food, since they want to have traditional Khmer food. The club will probably go to the Asian market in town to get food.

SC-16-F-16 - O Prado moved to make the information item an action item for next week.

Second: Casalini Vote: 12-0-1 PASSED

C. Thanks Giving Dinner \$200 (ACC)

ACC is having their traditional Thanks Giving dinner in a few weeks, and it will be held in the VU. Musa said that they're trying to make sure that the idea of thanks giving is incorporated throughout the entire event. Musa added that the food was for adopted children around Bellingham.

SC-16-F-17 - D. Prado moved to make the information item an action item for next week.

Second: He Vote: 12-0-1 PASSED

IV. Action Items

A. The Dia de Los Muertos item was made an action item.

SC-16-F-18 - Le moved to approve \$120 for the Dia de los Muertos dinner.

Second: O. Prado Vote: 12-0-1 PASSED

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Students of Color Conference in Oregon November 11th to the 13th

Cervantes said that she was taking 8 people to the Students of Color Conference in Oregon. Wayne Rocque, VP for Student Life, is the other student delegate besides Cervantes. Cervantes said that people could apply over

OrgSync, and the link was on Facebook. Applications will close next Monday. She said that they will depart on Friday the 11th, which is a day with no classes, and return Sunday the 13th.

Musa asked how many people had signed up already. Cervantes said 5 or 6 people had already applied, but not all of them might be chosen.

B. ESC Night Market

Cervantes said that they still needed to decide on a date and a time, since the MPR needed to be booked early in case it rained.

You asked if this event was going to be on a weekend, or a weekday. Cervantes said it was up to the ESC. You said that FASA wanted the event to be on a weekend in May, but not to clash with Back to Bellingham or Low Riders. Guan said that KhSA agreed. Cervantes suggested a weekend in the beginning of May to avoid clashing with those events.

O Prado asked if that was the same weekend as Culture Shock. Cervantes said that it usually was, but they were still deciding if Culture Shock and Night Market were happening at the same time. H. He asked if it was confirmed that the Night Market was happening in place of Culture Shock. He said that he talked to the CSA officers, and they said that if the Night Market was happening, they probably wouldn't be able to participate. CSA wanted to keep Culture Shock. Cervantes said that if they had Culture Shock and Night Market at the same time, running a booth and performing would be difficult. Guan said that KhSA officers wanted Culture Shock to still happen in late May or early June, as a last get-together for ESC.

The committee began to discuss dates. They wanted either late April or early May, since Low Riders happens mid-May. The committee agreed that they wanted it to happen on a weekend, preferably a Saturday. Cervantes tossed around the idea of April 29th. Guan said that KhSA's dinner was April 29th, and WHSA was having theirs a few days before. Guan asked if May 6th would work. Cervantes said that it would, except that it was only a week or so

before Culture Shock. It started to seem like May 6th would be the only day that worked. Cervantes said she would reserve the MPR in case it rained. She asked if people wanted to invite outside vendors, and the committee agreed. Cervantes asked how many vendors? She suggested that each club could find a vendor, and that the committee could split up into sub-committees to work on food and entertainment. Cervantes offered to invite people to Trello and create a Trello page. The next thing to worry about, Cervantes said, was budgeting. She said that the committee could apply for a diversity grant. Next week Cervantes would divide people up into sub-committees.

VI. CLUB UPDATES

VSA: meetings are Wednesdays at 6 in AW. Flag football tournament coming up November 19th.

KhSA: weekly meetings are Monday 7 in AW 203. Khmer Culture Night November 18 in AW 304.

FASA: meeting tomorrow at WCC.

OSA: Meetings Thursdays at 6:30. AW 210. Alternating learning dances at each meeting.

SASA: Dance meeting on Thursday. Potluck next Tuesday in the ESC.

BSU: No meeting tomorrow, but meeting for announcements at VU 462 and then going to the first basketball game at WCC.

ACC: Meeting this Wednesday at 530 in 105. Someone to talk about the voter process

CSA: Meeting tomorrow. Focusing on calligraphy. Biweekly meetings at 5 at AW 203.

Blue Group: Meeting November 9th. Webinar! From 6-8

MEChA: Meeting at 6 in Miller Hall 205. Dia de los Muertos tomorrow

JSA: General meeting 5-6 in Miller Hall 201.

WhSA: General meetings every Tuesday from 6-7 at AW 405.

LSU: Dia de los Muertos tomorrow. No meeting because of that

MISO: Halloween get-together at a board members' house at 7 tonight.

VII. ESC UPDATES

Matey met with someone about ESC Lobby Day, talking about potentially making it mandatory for 2 people from each club to take part. Might be a two-part training for the lobby days. They might get to Olympia a day before to plan.

Baker asked if everyone knew what lobbyists were. He said that they pretty much run the world.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm on October 31st, 2016.