



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

Meeting Minutes for: Monday, November 7, 2016

Non-Voting Members: Aleyda Cervantes (VP for Diversity), 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), Kelsy Khansila (KSA), Yaritza Esqueda (LSU), Diego Prado (MEChA), Ayita Berhane (MISO), Sophie Casalini (OSA), Niveda Ganesh (SASA), Lung Le (VSA), Tommy Cha (WHSa)

Absent: Simon Bahta (ESC Director), Dalton Jones (NASU), Lafayette Baker (ESC Assistant Director)

Guests:

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

MOTIONS

SC-16-F-19 - Motion to approve the minutes from October 31st, 2016 -
PASSED

SC-16-F-20 - Motion to move the WHSA College Night information item to an action item - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-21 - Motion to move VSA's Northwest Leadership Summit from info to action item - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-22 - Motion to approve \$200 for KhSA's Khmer Culture Night -
PASSED

SC-16-F-23 - Motion to approve \$200 for ACC's Thanks Giving Dinner -
PASSED

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SC-16-F-19 by Musa. Moved to approve the minutes from October 31*^t, 2016.

Second: Ganesh

Vote: 14-0-1

PASSED

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. College Night (WHSA) (\$150)

Next Saturday, WHSA will be going down to Kirkland to show the youth about college and teach them how to go through the process, financial aid, college life, etc. They're asking for \$150 for food, water, and gas money to travel down to Kirkland. Matey asked if this was at Kirkland Heights, and Cha said yes. Matey asked if he had an estimate of how many people were going to be there, and Cha said about 50. Cervantes said that they had done it for the last few years, and Cha agreed.

ESC-16-F-20 by He. Motioned to move the WHSA College Night information item to an action item.

Second: Martinez Vote: 14-0-1

PASSED

B. Northwest VSA Leadership Summit (\$700)

Le said that VSA is looking to go to the annual Northwest VSA Leadership summit, which will be held at Seattle University this year. They're asking for money to pay for lodging. Since more people are going this year, they need about \$1000, but they're only asking Steering for \$700. Le said that she went last year, and it was a great chance to bond with other VSAs. This summit is a great opportunity to branch out and network with other people from other colleges. The summit puts on workshops. Khansila asked

when this was, and Le said it was Dec 16-18. Cha asked if Le knew how many people were going. Le said 13.

ESC-16-F-21 by O Prado. Moved to move VSA's Northwest Leadership Summit from info to action item.

Second: Cha Vote: 14-0-1 PASSED

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Khmer Culture Night \$200 (KhSA)

ESC-16-F-22 by D Prado. Moved to approve \$200 for KhSA's Khmer Culture Night.

Second: Cha Vote: 14-0-1 PASSED

B. Thanks Giving Dinner \$200 (ACC)

ESC-16-F-23 by He. Moved to approve \$200 for ACC's Thanks Giving Dinner.

Second: Casalini Vote: 14-0-1 PASSED

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SEF Nominations

Cervantes said that everyone should have gotten a document in their e-mails. SEF was started last year by the AS President. This is a fund specifically to send students to conferences. In the past it's been difficult for students to get money to go to conferences. The committee overseeing the fund has a space for an ESC chair. Cervantes asked if people wanted to make nominations this week, or vote on it next week. Cervantes read from the document that this chair didn't have to come from Steering, just had to be a member of an ESC club. Musa asked if she could bring it back next week, that way the clubs would have a week to talk about it.

Cervantes agreed. O Prado asked if the committee meetings were going to be at the same time as Steering, and Cervantes wasn't sure. She said that the committee hadn't met yet, and they usually decided the time of the committee based on the members' schedules.

B. ESC Executive Committee

Cervantes said that a committee was created through Presidents Council to make decisions about the ESC Renovation. There were supposed to be 8 members, but one dropped. A new person needs to be selected. Last time there was an application through OrgSync, but this time for just one person Presidents Council decided that it would be best to do interviews. Cervantes said that there would probably be open interviews tomorrow. The Executive Committee won't be meeting until next quarter, so the new person wouldn't have to catch up much. The Executive committee is going to make sure that they reach out to students at large and hear their voices.

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

The application to join this conference closes today at midnight, and the decisions of who is going will be made tomorrow. The group going will be leaving this Friday, coming back on Sunday, and all the expenses are paid for.

D. ESC Night Market

Last time the committee discussed having an event on May 6th, but Shalom said that the MPR was reserved for ACC's Heritage Dinner. The committee will have to find a new date. Cervantes said that she has a friend who is minoring in business and would like to run the Night Market planning,

instead of the ESC staff. The committee thought that sounded good. Cervantes said it was going to be difficult to balance both Night Market and Color Shock. Saturdays from April until mid-May are booked. Late May or Friday were the options. Memorial Day is a three-day weekend so Monday will be off, but Cervantes thought that most people went home. The next Saturday is free, but then there will be back-to-back events all the way until May 20th. Cervantes said that she knew it was difficult, but the ESC can't have overlapping events. Ganesh asked about Sundays. Cervantes said that most people have class the next day. Musa asked if Fridays were off the table, and Cervantes said that they wanted the Friday before Saturday to prepare for the event, and most Saturdays in April had Heritage Dinners. This would lead to a lot of back-to-back events. If the Night Market is on May 20th, then there would be a lot of events in a row. June 3rd is free, but it's also the weekend before finals. Khansila said that she wanted to take it back to her club. Cervantes asked if people wanted to take the date May 20th back to their clubs. Cervantes said that as far as funding, they could apply to the Large Event Opportunity Fund and the Diversity Fund. Most of the money would go to set-up and Events Services. Cervantes said that her friend would be able to help with contracting for outside vendors. Matey said that people had to consider how many Heritage Dinners were happening in the Spring, and maybe it would be best for no Culture Shock this year. Ganesh asked if Cervantes could reserve the MPR for May 20th, just in case. Cervantes said yes. Ganesh agreed with Matey that maybe they shouldn't do Culture Shock, especially if it was this late in the Spring. Cervantes said that people on Presidents' Council said they wanted to keep Culture Shock. She said that Culture Shock would be planned by mostly the ESC, and Night Market would be planned by Steering and Presidents. Bahta asked if money from tickets could help pay, but Cervantes said that Culture Shock was free. Matey said that although Culture Shock is cool, the ESC Night Market would give clubs the

opportunity to have money in their account for next year. Cervantes asked people doing their Heritage Dinners in Spring to keep all this in mind. Bahta said that if people haven't booked their space for their Heritage Dinners yet, they should do it now. The ESC is approving requests for spaces, and it should be reserved in the next two weeks. Cervantes said that she didn't check her e-mail on Friday nights, so people should message her if they want to add something to the agenda last-minute.

V. CLUB UPDATES

CSA: Had their bake sale last week, and it went pretty well. They're going to have their last meeting next week, and it's going to be a potluck.

ACC: Has moved to room 105, their meetings start at 5:30 instead of 5. They have three new Freshmen on the board.

LSU: Had their collaboration, and Martinez couldn't go but she thought it went pretty well.

BSU: Having a meeting tomorrow at 6:30 in VU 462 A/B. They're going to watch a movie, but they're not sure which one yet.

KSA: General meetings are still on Wednesdays, 4-5. Finally decided on a Freshman officer. Just getting started planning their Heritage Dinner.

SASA: Having a potluck tomorrow in the ESC.

OSA: Won't have a meeting this Thursday because they're having a potluck.

KhSA: Khmer Culture Night this week. Meetings in AW 203.

FASA: AW 304, Wednesdays.

VSA: General meetings on Wednesdays, AW at 5 pm.

MISO: Still meeting on Mondays at 7 pm in Miller Hall 154.

JSA: General meeting tomorrow at 5, Miller Hall 235. Selling Japanese drinks in Vendor's Row tomorrow from 11:30-2:30

WHSa: Wednesdays 6-7 AW 405

MEChA: Collaboration for Dia de los Muertos last week.
Meetings in Miller Hall 005 at 6 on Thursdays

Blue Group: Also part of the Dia de los Muertos collab. Need to get together and de-brief on how it went. Webinar this Wednesday for helping undocumented students go to graduate school. Open to all.

VI. ESC UPDATES

Bahta said they're still trying to make a poster with everyone's meeting times for next quarter. He asked members who haven't contact ESC to do so. Matey read a list of clubs that had contacted her, and asked everyone else to message their board and find out the information. Bahta said a few events were next week. They're doing a series on mental health in communities of culture. It's on the 14th and 15th in the Underground. They're still looking for volunteers. The first night is an open mie night for people to show personal pieces. They can read about how mental health affects them, their families, or the community in general. The next day there will be a speaker on how mental health is stigmatized in communities of color.

Next week, in Miller Hall Collaborative Space, the president will be there to answer questions. Food will be provided.

Matey asked people to talk to their clubs about Night Market and SEF Nominations.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm on November 7th, 2016.