



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

Meeting Minutes for: Monday, November 14, 2016

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

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

Absent: Olga Prado (Blue Group), Dalton Jones (NASU)

Guests:

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

MOTIONS

SC-16-F-24 - Motion to approve minutes from November 7th - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-25 - Motion to approve \$150 for WWSA's College Night - **PASSED**

SC-16-F-26 - Motion to approve VSA's Northwest Leadership Summit for \$700 - **PASSED**

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SC-16-F-24 by Ganesh. Moved to approve minutes from November 7th.

Second: You Vote: 12-0-0 PASSED

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWSA College Night (\$150)

Cervantes asked the council if they had any questions that they would like to ask. Nobody did.

SC-16-F-25 by Khansila. Moved to approve \$150 for WWSA's College Night.

Second: Le Vote: 11-0-1 PASSED

B. Northwest VSA Leadership Summit 2016 (\$700)

Cervantes asked if anyone had questions about that. Cha said that WWSA was wondering if the leadership summit was free. Le said that they had to pay for registration and the hotel. Cha asked how many rooms they were paying for for the hotel. Le said that she didn't have specifics, but there were thirteen people going. Cha asked about travel expenses like cars, but Le said that it was unclear.

Cervantes tried to pull the budget up and was unsuccessful. She said that most of the money was going towards lodging. They needed another \$600, but they decided not to go through Steering and went through the AS Board instead.

SC-16-F-26 by Cha. Moved to approve VSA's Northwest Leadership Summit for \$700.

Second: He Vote: 12-0-1 PASSED

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SEF Nominations

Cervantes said that there was still a spot for an ESC member on this committee. It didn't have to be anyone from Steering. She asked if people wanted to do nominations today. Ganesh asked when they needed a response by. Cervantes said that

she wasn't given a date, but the committee wanted a nomination as soon as possible. The fund was still in the works, but would be set up and meeting soon. The reason for this fund is that students have trouble getting money to go to conferences. Previous they would go through the Board, but now there's a fund set up for it. She asked if anyone had any nominations, but if they didn't the nominations could be put off until two weeks from now. Ganesh asked how long the commitment would be per week. Cervantes wasn't sure, since the committee is so new. She said that she didn't want to meet until finals week, and in that case the meeting in two weeks would be the last meeting of the quarter. During that meeting, the council would do nominations.

B. ESC Executive Committee

There is still one spot open for this committee, and only one person has signed up to join. Presidents Council at its meeting tomorrow will decide who will take the chair.

Cervantes said that people could e-mail her if they wanted to apply. They wouldn't meet every week, but when they do it would be a two hour meeting. These chairs would also have to do outreach with ESC clubs, to make sure that the committee is making decisions that reflect what the students want. Baker asked when Presidents is meeting, and Cervantes said that they are meeting tomorrow. Cervantes explained that Executive Committee would make decisions on what the new ESC will look like. The process for being on this committee will be an interview, rather than an OrgSync form.

C. ESC Night Market

Presidents Council decided that they wanted to keep the May 20th date, since it doesn't conflict with any Heritage Dinners. Cervantes's friend who is helping run the Night Market wanted an update, and Cervantes said she would give him one on the decisions. He would help, but Steering and Presidents would still make all the decisions. Cervantes booked the MPR for May 20th, in case it rains. She suggested that they begin budgeting, for food and booking a stage.

IV. CLUB UPDATES

Cervantes said that she knew that people had a difficult week last week, and if they needed their teachers to be more understanding they could contact her or Erick Yanzon. She stressed the importance of mental and emotional health.

Cervantes said that the Oregon Students of Color Conference went really well, and the Keynote Speakers were amazing. Le also went, and she recommended that people go next year.

Cervantes went to several workshops, and wanted to maybe try and put one on for people that didn't go.

MEChA - meetings on Thursdays at 6 in Miller Hall 005 (CEED)

ACC - Thanksgiving dinner is this Saturday, 3-7. They need volunteers, and everyone is invited.

CSA - last meeting of the quarter tomorrow in AW 203. They're having a potluck. For their Culture Night, they're talking about Singles Day, which was on November 11th. They're planning on having their meetings at the same time next quarter, but it might change.

KHSA - First ever Khmer Culture Night at AW 304 from 6-8 pm. Their first promo video is going out later tonight. They're having traditional Khmer Lao food, and playing traditional Cambodian games. It's also their last meeting.

BSU - meeting tomorrow at 6 pm in VU 462. Talking about the outcome of the elections, everyone's invited. Also having a bake sale tomorrow.

FASA - annual Filipino Olympics in Olympia this Saturday. They're sending 25 people to compete with Filipino clubs from all over the Pacific Northwest

VSA - Turkey Bowl on Saturday, playing flag football.

V. ESC UPDATES

ESC is having their Mental Illness night in the Underground Coffee House tonight at 7. Cervantes said that often times, communities of color don't talk about mental illness.

Baker sent out a meeting to club presidents last week, but he can't remember what it said.

Cervantes re-iterated that she was there for people to support them, and would be there for people.

Aleyda Cervantes, VP for Diversity, adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.