

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council Meeting**

Monday, November 28, 2011 VU 567

Present: Adam Eichholz, Daniel Hagen, Kasey Koenig, Mario Orallo-Molinaro, Matt Temple, Derrick Troy, Maddy Vonhoff,

Absent:

Late: Kye Freeman

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Katie Savinski

Guest(s): Natalie Eberts, Western Action Coalition; Trillium Swanson, Western Action Coalition; Allen Nguyen, WWU Mock Trial; Graeme Dyehouse, WWU Mock Trial; Milena Ull, WWU Mock Trial; Spencer Mårtenson, WWU DECA; Jamie Hamilton, WWU Student Senate; Shay Shapiro, Ecosomatics Club; Garrett Lahmenn, Chinese Conversation Club; Andrea Lavelle, Chinese Conversation Club; Tucker Siemens, WWU Minecraft Club; Mitchell Howell, WWU Minecraft Club; Luke McCann, WWU Minecraft Club; Phillip Pardue, WWU Minecraft Club; Alyshia Bentley, WWU Minecraft Club; Kelsey Singer, Saturn's Hoops; Kimberly Butorac, Saturn's Hoops; Alex White, WWU DECA; Nick Maxwell; WWU DECA; Danny Harbeson, Super Smash Bros Melee Club; Hannah Geneser, WWU Music Teachers National Association; Kelly Huston, WWU Music Teachers National Association

MOTIONS

AC-II-F-58	Approve Saturn's Hoops as an official AS Club under the Arts, Music, and Dance category. - Passed
AC-II-F-59	Approve Super Smash Bros Melee Club as a club in the Game category. - Passed
AC-II-F-60	Approve WWU Music Teachers National Association as a Pre-professional and Honorary Club. - Passed
AC-II-F-61	Approve WWU Mincecraft Club as an official AS Club under the Gaming category. - Passed
AC-II-F-62	Approve the Ecosomatics Club as a Special Interests club. - Passed
AC-II-F-63	Approve Chinese Conversation Club as a Cultural and Ethnic club. - Passed
AC-II-F-64	Approve \$65 in the form of a Grant to Saturn's Hoops. - Passed
AC-II-F-65	Approve WWU Mock Trial for \$150 in the form of an underwrite. - Passed

Mario Orallo-Molinaro, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to be approved at this meeting

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kye Freeman stated that there is \$2,000 in Basic Funding, \$24,874.19 in Grants, Loans and Underwrites, \$4,780 in Club Conference, \$3,615 in Academic Conference, and \$1,305 in Bookstore Donations.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION (*Basic Funding if Indicated*)

A. Saturn's Hoops

Kelsey Singer and Kim Butorac said that Saturn's Hoops is a dance and hula hoop club. Singer said they might be doing some fund raisers so they can go out and perform at events. The funding that they are asking for later in the meeting would be for supplies to make hula hoops for club member to use.

***MOTION AC-II-F-58** by Maddy Vonhoff*

Approve Saturn's Hoops as an official AS Club under the Arts, Music, and Dance category.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

B. Super Smash Bros Melee Club

Danny Harbeson said the club was created in order to meet more people to play together. He has been to tournaments and wants this club to help members improve their abilities and give them a place to practice and perfect techniques of play. Harbeson said they want to see the club go to tournaments, so the club will be financially active.

***MOTION AC-II-F-59** by Adam Eichholz*

Approve Super Smash Bros Melee Club as a club in the Game category.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

C. WWU Music Teachers National Association

Hannah Geneser and Kelly Huston explained that their club would be affiliated with the Bellingham Music Teachers Association. This club is geared towards people who want to be private music teachers rather than teach in schools. Huston explained that this club did exist a few years ago and want to be an AS club again. The club will be financially active and are planning on attending a conference in New York this spring. Eichholz asked if the club would provide opportunities for students to work with kids in a professional setting. Geneser said they would be providing mentorship opportunities and workshops.

***MOTION AC-II-F-60** by Adam Eichholz*

Approve WWU Music Teachers National Association as a Pre-professional and Honorary Club.

Second: Maddy Vonhoff Vote: 5 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

D. WWU Minecraft Club

Tucker Siemens said that this club would be centered around the game Minecraft. The founders want to develop a community with those who play the game and help

develop the skills and understanding of people who want to. The club will be financially active. Vonhoff asked for the club to meet with her for orientation. Orallo-Molinaro asked what Minecraft was. Siemens explained that Minecraft is a single player/multiplayer game on the computer with buildable worlds. Eichholz asked how they would be financially active. Siemens said they may want to do fundraising for refreshments or something at a LAN party.

MOTION AC-II-F-61 by Matt Temple

Approve WWU Mincecraft Club as an official AS Club under the Gaming category.

Second: Adam Eichholz Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

E. Ecosomatics Club

Shay Shapiro said this club geared towards students interested in the fields of Somatic Psychology and Eco-Psychology. Students in this area have expressed the need for extra space to practice, such as evaluating approaches within the fields. This club will mostly be discussion based group but they may bringing in speakers. Orallo-Molinaro confirmed that the club had a Fairhaven advisor. Temple asked what the field of somatic psychology entails. Shapiro explained that it deals with the nervous system and sensory information. This field uses movement instead of “talk-therapy” in order to heal.

MOTION AC-II-F-62 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve the Ecosomatics Club as a Special Interests club.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

F. Chinese Conversation Club

Andrea Lavelle and Garrett Lahmenn are both studying Chinese and wanted to start a club that would supplement what students were learning and to improve conversational skills. They are not currently financially active but are looking into a small trip or guest speakers. The club is not officially linked to the department at present, but they anticipate they will be in the future.

MOTION AC-1 I-F-63 by Kasey Koenig

Approve Chinese Conversation Club as a Cultural and Ethnic club.

Second: Maddy Vonhoff Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

V. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. WWU DECA

Spencer Mårtenson, Nick Maxwell, and Alex White explained that Collegiate DECA is a student business organization that allows practice with practical applications. Each group creates case studies and prepares presentations that they show to professionals. This organization is a way to get an upper hand on those they will compete with for jobs later on. The competitive events help students to simulate real life scenarios and enhance student professional development. There is also the

benefit of networking through DECA. WWU's DECA chapter started competing last year and the group has done very well. They want to be able to expand the number of students attending the international competition. DECA is also looking at having the state competition at Western next year. This will bring students from all over the state from other universities to Western which will greatly benefit all students. Currently DECA has 14 members who have shown interest in going to the state competition, 9 of which are underclassmen. The club members outlined the cost per person for the state competition: \$100 per person for registration, \$100 per person for 3 nights for 4 rooms, \$45 for travel, and approximately \$20 per day to cover food and other expenses for three and a half days. The club also has a sponsor, Natural Selection Farms, helping with some of the travel expenses. The club is willing to contribute approximately \$22 per person in order to save money for Nationals, which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. DECA is requesting \$2,100 from Activities Council to make sure everyone can go and have student costs be under \$100. Orallo-Molinario clarified that there were 14 people committed to going to the state competition. He also added that this year the council has only given out between \$75 and \$100 per person for conferences. Orallo-Molinario asked what other funding options the club would have. The club members said DECA would look into fund raising but they may have to have a larger student contribution or cut people who would otherwise be able to attend. Freeman clarified that this is an Academic Conference. Hayden added that if the total amount was granted the amount would total \$150 per person. Freeman explained that if the full amount was funded it would only leave \$1,515 in the Academic Conference budget for Winter and Spring Quarter. Orallo-Molinario mentioned the possibility of the remaining Basic Funding being relocated. Vonhoff said the budget can also be split between Club and Academic Conference budgets. Freeman agreed and said splitting would be a possibility. Eichholz asked if they had a vague idea on how much the club could fund raise. They weren't sure; maybe a couple hundred dollars. Koenig asked how much each person would be paying. The club members said it would be around \$98 per person on top of the \$45 dues they have already paid. Temple asked if the group will be coming back to ask for funding for their trip to Salt Lake City. They said they do foresee themselves coming back, however they will have a better opportunity to do fundraising. Hayden recommended that the council look back at the history of DECA requests from last year and look at out of pocket costs for the students.

B. Saturn's Hoops

Singer and Butorac are asking for \$65 in order to make hula hoops for members to practice hula hooping without buying their own equipment. This will allow for the club to make and decorate about 8 hoops and this will also be a club activity. Vonhoff reminded them that the hula hoops will club property. Freeman clarified the cost. Hayden asked if the supplies were going to be purchased locally, just in case they need a buffer from shipping. They said that this would not be necessary. Orallo-Molinario said that this can be made and action item because the request is under \$75.

MOTION AC-II-F-64 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve \$65 in the form of a Grant to Saturn's Hoops.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

C. Western Action Coalition

Natalie Eberts said WAC is requesting \$100: \$50 for printing costs for event posters and business cards, and \$50 for food at events and production costs. Orallo-Molinaro said he spoke with Eleanor and the Dec. 1st deadline could not be met and this will be an Action Item next quarter.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWU Mock Trial

Freeman clarified the printing costs were through copy services.

***MOTION AC-II-F-65** by Maddy Vonhoff*

Approve WWU Mock Trial for \$150 in the form of an underwrite.

Second: Kye Freeman Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

Vd. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

Vni. OTHER BUSINESS

A. WWU Mock Trial

Milena Ull will be attending the regional mock trial competition at the University of Portland. They are requesting \$550, \$400 of which will go to paying for hotel rooms which will host 12 people (about \$80 per night for 3 rooms). The other \$150 would be for miscellaneous expenses. The club had some difficulties with funding earlier in the year where officers had to pay between \$45 and \$50 out of pocket for registration fees. Students will be paying about \$35 a person with the hotel rooms being funded by Activities Council. Vonhoff said she would like to see a budget including the miscellaneous costs. Hayden said that the council can't find "food." Ull asked if that could be put on the budget as registration. Hayden said this could be made up in travel, for example, that had not already been paid for like registration had. He also said the council is limited on funding for travel depending on different situations. Hayden said since there were issues in the beginning of the year the council would look at giving the group more because of this, not necessarily just adding extra money to one competition. Eichholz asked if this will come out of the Club Conference of Academic Conference budget. Vonhoff said it would come from Club Conference. Orallo-Molinaro asked for a revised budget for the meeting on January 9th and noted that the out of pocket cost would come out to about \$45 per person.

B. Orallo-Molinaro said this would be the last meeting of the quarter. He wanted council members to give feedback on how the council could improve. He also suggested looking at moving the time of Activities Council. Finally, the next meeting will be on January 9th.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:36 P.M.