

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2012 VU 567

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

Absent: Courtney Beck

Late:

Advisor is): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Guest(s): Kyle Cruse, Truth in Politics; Yusuf Suadat, Truth in Politics; Max McGrath-Horn, Students for Energy Efficiency; Jayson Wagner, WWU GungFu Club; Wendy Witsol, WWU PAC; Stacey Williams, WWU PAC; Austin Chernich, WWU PAC; Tyna Ontko, Darkside Printmakers; Jake Relier, Darkside Printmakers; Drew Miller, Darkside Printmakers; Caitlyn Cecchetto, Freethinkers of WWU; Ariella Angeli, WWU Red Cross Club; Emma Lieuwen, WWU Red Cross Club; Jessica Moore, WWU Nerffighters; Rebecca Rivero, WWU Nerdfighters

MOTIONS

AC-12-W-20	Approve the minutes from the meeting on January 18, 2012, as written. - Passed
AC-12-W-21	Approve WWU Nerdfighters as a Special Interest club. - Passed
AC-12-W-22	Approve WWU Gungfu Club as a Recreational club. - Passed
AC-12-W-23	Approve \$75 to Students for Energy Efficiency as an underwrite. - Passed

Mario Orallo-Molinaro, AS YP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

***MOTION AC-12-W-20** by Maddy Vonhoff*

Approve the minutes from the meeting on January 18, 2012, as written.

Second: Derrick Troy

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **PASSED**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Orallo-Molinaro added meeting times and a discussion on last week's meeting to other business and Vonhoff added an announcement about AS Activities Showcase in Other Business as well.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The current balances according to the Agenda are:

Basic Funding: \$2,000

Grants, Loans, and Underwrites: \$23,370.19

Club Conference: \$2,780

Academic Conference: \$2,515

Bookstore Donations: \$1,105

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

A. WWU Nerdfighters

Jessica Moore explained that Nerdfighters is the popular name for the fans of the Green brothers, John and Hank, who vlog online. John is a young adult author and Hank is a musician. There is already a number of Nerdfighters on campus so they want to create a space where the fans can talk about videos and other things that are going on in the larger community. Rebecca Rivero added that through the vlog channel the brothers hold different philanthropic events and they would like to use the club as a way to get more people involved and do more socially conscious events on campus. Matt Temple asked what John's books and the videos were about. Moore explained that John's books are aimed toward young adults dealing with many topics concerned with coming of age. The videos are basically about anything and have been being made over the past 5 years. They have talked about current events and politics or just about jokes or celebrity gossip. Daniel Hagen asked what the connection with the name. Moore explained that John and Hank had come up with the name for their fans so the club was sticking with that name. Adam Eichholz asked what kind of events the club would do. The first event they want to do is travel down to Seattle to meet the brothers along with philanthropy on campus.

MOTION AC-12-W-21 by Daniel Hagen

Approve WWU Nerdfighters as a Special Interest club.

Second: Adam Eichholz Vote: 8-0-0 Action: **PASSED**

B. WWU Gungfu'

Jayson Wagner said GungFu is synonymous with KungFu and that is what the club is about. The meetings would be KungFu practices. There are also already people who are interested in joining. The idea for the club was based on the fact that the downtown KungFu school was closed because of money issues. Many people want to open up KungFu education to a larger community for free. There are senior students and a master who are willing to come teach Western Students on their own time. The club would welcome all skill levels. Wagner said that the club does not need funding and only need to find a space to practice. Freeman asked if the training would happen in the Ree Center or if they would have to make room reservations. Wagner said that the club is looking at a space in Carver Gym, where they would not have to pay. Hagen asked if the club is planning on going to competitions. Wagner said that they might but it is not going to happen in the near future. Freeman asked if the club would be held liable for any injuries. Hayden said that hold harmless agreements will be signed and that Western and the club will not be held accountable for any injuries that don't stem from negligence. Troy asked if there were any regulations about a non-student facilitator or leader in a club. Hayden said that as long as the club leaders were students it was fine.

MOTION AC-12-W-22 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve WWU Gungfu' Club as a Recreational club.

Second: Kye Freeman

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **PASSED**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WWU Red Cross Club

Ariella Angeli and Emma Lieuven said their club is asking for funds to put on an educational event in the residents halls that would focus on first aid and disaster preparedness. The events would be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on various nights over a two week span. They plan to set up four stations focusing on different issues: first aid and substance abuse, evacuation routes, decorating basic disaster kits, and disaster preparedness. The club wants people to have the basic kits and this is where the funds are coming from. Freeman asked for the club to clarify the dates. Angeli said the dates will need to be changed because they need to order supplies and prepare the kits first so the dates are variable right now. She added that the club is working with RHA to get funding as well and once the funding comes in the club can work with the RDs to set up dates. Angeli also said that they want students to be able to walk through and participate in the event at their leisure. Vonhoff asked how much money RHA would be willing to give the club. Angeli said the amount she was asking for from Activities Council was based off of conversations with Hayden and RHA but she could see if it was possible to get more funding from RHA. Eichholz asked if their handbills were included in their budget. Angeli said they were and that the budget might change because they might decide not to provide everyone with a space blanket because that is where most of the money would be going. Kasey Koenig suggested approving this request as an underwrite. Orallo-Molinaro asked for the club to bring back the amount that RHA will be giving them next meeting.

B. Darkside Printmakers

Tyna Ontko, Jake Relier, and Drew Miller said that they are looking for funding to attend the Southern Graphics Printmaking Convention. This is an Academic Conference that includes lectures and demonstrations by professional printmakers. There will be about 1,500 people attending and participating in the conference. Many of the local galleries participate in the conference by showing works by the lecturers. The club is looking at sending three people. The department has given the club \$300 to cover entrance fees. The three students who intend on going are working on fund raising for their airfare and membership costs by showing in local galleries and selling some of their prints. They are also looking at doing demonstrations where they can possibly get donations. Orallo-Molinaro asked when the club will have solid numbers for the variable amounts the club lists on their request. Ontko said they want the council to fund the hotel which is not a variable cost. The amount they have listed for the hotel is priced out as the cheapest and most conveniently located they could find. Orallo-Molinaro asked if the club will always need to \$800 it is asking for or would that number possibly drop. They said those numbers were pretty solid. Freeman said she was more comfortable with an underwrite than a grant. Koenig pointed out that this would come to about \$280 per person from the council and \$510 per person out of pocket. Eichholz clarified that this would come out of the academic conference account, and Freeman added that it could also be split between the two conference accounts. Many people voiced concern about the variable amounts that the club has listed. Freeman asked if the students would go if they did not raise enough money. Ontko said she would but the two others probably would not. Vonhoff suggested waiting to figure out exact amounts until next week. Hagen

asked for the club to bring ballpark estimation of how much they can fundraise for next week.

C. Button Mashers

Troy said the club wants to buy t-shirts from the Publicity Center. They are currently talking with Reset Games to help offset the cost. They plan on selling the shirts and also giving them as prizes at their tournaments. Vonhoff asked how much each shirt would sell for. Troy said they don't have exact numbers from the Publicity Center so they are sure yet, but they are trying to keep it reasonable.

D. Freethinkers of WWU

Caitlyn Cecchetto said her club wants to go to the West Coast Free Thought Coalition Conference in Renton. She said that it is fun and educational. The conference has a day of workshops and day of keynote speakers. The club plans to bring many of the lectures back to campus and will be working with many different departments on campus to promote them. For the conference the registration will be \$80 per person totaling \$880, travel expenses will be covered by their parent organization, and lodging will be covered by members. The members will also cover miscellaneous cost that they estimate to be between \$80 and \$100 per person. Cecchetto said the per person amount should be the same per person amount they are asking from the council. The price listed is for 12 people. The club will be taking three cars down to the conference. Hayden said that stipends would also be a possibility for this conference because the total contribution would come out less than 50% of the total amount.

E. Foulplay: A Murder Mystery Club

Koenig said the club added extra game during winter quarter because the games were filling up so fast. The money they are asking for would cover the room set up, new table cloths, decorations, and other items the club needs for the event.

F. Students for Energy Efficiency

Max McGrath-Horn said that as a kick-off event the club is holding an educational forum event about the Cherry Point Coal Terminal on February 9th. They are asking for \$75 for publicity to make posters and flyers. The club actually needs \$100 but held a fund raiser where they hoped to earn \$25. They actually raised \$55 and are going to use the surplus money to buy refreshments for the event. McGrath-Horn said that the form is incorrect and that there are no tech fees needed but they are asking for a total of \$75. Vonhoff suggested making this request into a underwrite instead of a grant. McGrath-Horn asked if the club could use Kinkos since they already have a design. Hayden suggested using copy services because they are much cheaper but they are allowed to go to Kinkos if they want as long as they keep their receipts. Koenig asked if we could vote of the funding now. Hayden said that since it is under \$100 the council could.

MOTION AC-12-W-23 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve \$75 to Students for Energy Efficiency as an underwrite.

Second: Adam Eichholz

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Action: **PASSED**

G. WWU Professional Artists Coalition

Austin Chernick, Wendy Witsol, and Stacey Williams want to attend the Society For Photographic Education Conference in San Fransisco in March. The group attending presented a paper at regional conference and want to go to the national conference. Chernick said this is a great place for networking and they also plan on volunteering to bring their entrance fee down. The group plans on having a number of fund raisers to subsidize the trip. It is because of the sheer number of people who are going the club is asking for funding. Vonhoff pointed out that the last two club conference that the council has heard will take up the entire budget have left if they approve them in full. Koenig said that one or both amounts will have to be dropped down. Hagen agreed.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VH. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. Queer Resource Center

No one from the organization was present at the meeting. They will be contacted to see if they want to remain as an item on the agenda.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Orallo-Molinaro said that next week's meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

B. Orallo-Molinaro asked how people felt about online meetings. Vonhoff said she thought it was good for a last minute need. She said it was hard to discuss anything and that it took a long time to make motions and vote. Eichholz said if discussion is needed for an item an online meeting would not work or be beneficial to the council or the clubs. Hagen said it was hard to follow exactly what was going on and what the impacts would be to the budget and the students. Koenig said that with last week's items some needed to be decided right away and none of them were very complex but otherwise it would not be a good idea to do online meeting with agendas like the one for next week. Hayden said that since the items were so straight forward he and Orallo-Molinaro allowed it to be online but they had decided to save the info items for this week to make sure everyone had a chance to ask questions. Hagen pointed out that the council allotted over \$2,000 of student money and said that there was not enough effort put in to justify that.

C. Orallo-Molinaro said he is nervous about conference funding. He wants the council to decide where to put basic funding. He also wants them to think about the possibility of using some money from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to help out those accounts. Koenig said the conference budgets are where basic funding needs to go. She is also in favor of using a little bit of Grants, Loans, and Underwrites but in that case they should be more strict with the funding they give out. Hagen said that conferences are good experiences, but taking into account the entire budget he would rather have positive things happen on campus than off campus. Orallo-Molinaro said he would be creating a proposal for next week and it would be officially decided in two weeks.

- D. Vonhoff asked that if anyone is available between 10 am and 2 pm on Wednesday she could use some extra help at the Campus Activities Showcase.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:40 P.M.