

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

Wednesday, January 30, 2012 VU 567

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

Absent:

Late:

Advisor is): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Julia Peña

Guests): Will Crow, WWU Quidditch; Vanessa Unti, Students for Social Change; Austin Chernich, WWU Professional Artist Coalition; Caitlyn Cecchetto, Freethinkers of WWU; Tyna Ontko, Darkside Printmakers; Jake Relier, Darkside Printmakers; Michael Latham, WWU Quidditch; Ruta Nanivadekar, Vikings for Fair Trade; Jordan Deal, Queer Resource Center; Briana Fitzpatrick, Queer Resource Center; Ariella Angeli, WWU Red Cross Club; Stephanie Wiese, Baking Club of WWU; Wendy Witsol, WWU Professional Artist Coalition

MOTIONS

AC-12-W-24	Approve the minutes from the meeting on January 23, 2012, as written. - Passed
AC-12-W-25	Approve WWU Quidditch as a Recreational club. - Passed
AC-12-W-26	Approve Vikings for Fair Trade as a Social Issues club. - Passed
AC-12-W-27	Approve \$800 to WWU Red Cross Club in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed
AC-12-W-28	Approve Darkside Printmakers, in the form of a grant, \$300 from Club Conference and \$300 from Academic Conference to travel to New Orleans for their conference. - Passed
AC-12-W-29	Approve \$500 in the form of a loan to Button Mashers for their tee-shirts. - Passed
AC-12-W-30	Approve \$800 in form of a grant from the Club Conference fund to the Freethinkers of WWU. - Passed
AC-12-W-31	Approve \$110 in the form of grant to Foulplay. - Passed
AC-12-W-32	Approve WWU Professional Artist Coalition \$750 out of club conference and \$1,000 out of Academic Conference in the form of a grant. - Failed
AC-12-W-33	Approve \$120 per person to WWU Professional Artist Coalition in the form of an underwrite for their conference in San Fransisco, CA not to exceed the amount of \$1,000 out of Academic Conference and \$440 out of Club Conference. - Passed
AC-12-W-34	Approve \$300 to the Queer Resource Center in the form of a bookstore donation for Drag Show raffle prizes. - Passed

Mario Orallo-Molinaro, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION AC-12-W-24 by Derrick Troy

Approve the minutes from the meeting on January 23, 2012, as written.

Second: Matt Temple

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Action: **PASSED**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Orallo-Molinaro asked if the council was comfortable with making A'capella Club an Info Item. There was consensus in the committee so it was added as Info Item D.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The current balances according to the Agenda are:

Basic Funding: \$2,000
Grants, Loans, and Underwrites: \$23,295.19
Club Conference: \$2,780
Academic Conference: \$2,515
Bookstore Donations: \$1,105

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

A. WWU Quidditch

Will Crow and Michael Lathem said their intentions in starting the club is to play Quidditch on Sundays at 3pm by Old Main. They also plan on holding conditioning practices to get in shape for games against other schools. They are setting up games with Cornish College of the Arts and Evergreen State College in March and Spring Quarter. The club will raise funds for jerseys. Vonhoff asked how this differs from Harry Potter Club. Crow said that this club was specifically about the game Quidditch and since there are so many interested students it made sense to make a separate club and be able to play against other schools. This will also allow them to fund raise and advertise separately, hopefully attracting more interest.

MOTION AC-12-W-25 by Daniel Hagen

Approve WWU Quidditch as a Recreational club.

Second: Derrick Troy Vote: 8 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

B. Vikings for Fair Trade

Ruta Nanivadekar said the club's mission is to raise awareness, monitor purchasing decisions of Western (i.e. coffee), and helping students find practical, affordable Fair Trade options. They are making a map of Fair Trade stores in the Bellingham community.

MOTION AC-12-W-26 by Daniel Hagen

Approve Vikings for Fair Trade as a Social Issues club.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 8 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Students for Social Change

Vanessa Unti said their proposal is for funding to buy the rights for a one time viewing of a film called *The Inside Job*. The club is trying to put on this event in collaboration with American Campaign Transparency. The rights are approximately \$250 and they are hoping to show it on February 23. The event would raise awareness for the Occupy Wall Street movement and its key issues. Also, the leader

of the Occupy Bellingham movement will speak and hold an open dialogue at the event. The event will be free. Freeman asked if American Campaign Transparency will be contributing any funds to support the event. Unti said the clubs are meeting tonight, so she will bring that information back next week. Hayden says American campaign Transparency will be requesting funds to buy food for the event. Eichholz said that the amount comes to about \$12.50 per person if the estimated 20 people attend the event. Unti said the club will be promoting the event to the Western community. The club has ties with the Human Services major so they will try to get more people from that department to attend. Freeman asked about posters. Unti said the club is still figuring out dates so once everything is finalized they will use the Publicity Center. Hayden said that the club will most likely not make the Publicity Center deadline so they should make their own design. He added that the event will be well attended as long as it is well promoted. Troy asked if the club is putting any of their own money towards the event. Unti said she is unsure of how much funding the club has, but if it is necessary for them to do that to get the funding they are willing to look into it. However, the club can't charge admission.

B. Russian Club

No representatives from this club attended the meeting. They will be contacted again and placed on next week's agenda.

C. Baking Club of Western Washington University

Stephanie Wiese said the club is not having a particular event but are asking Activities Council for the startup cost for starting the club. The club hasn't held its first meeting yet, but it is open to the entire Western community. The club will be meeting every other week in the Buchanan Towers' kitchen. They will be starting small with cookies, cakes, etc. and going from there. They are only asking for startup funds, from there they can fund raise with bake sales. Wiese said the club will need storage containers unless there is storage space available in utility closet for clubs. Vonhoff said there will be shelving space once it is cleaned out. Freeman asked if it would be more than \$150 with the additional items. Wiese said yes. Freeman suggested making the request an underwrite of \$200. Freeman asked if members are going to have food handler's permits. Wiese asked if it is necessary for bake sales. Freeman said it wasn't but everything sold must be individually wrapped and the ingredients must be listed.

D. A'capella Club

No representatives from this club attended the meeting. They will be contacted again and placed on next week's agenda.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWU Red Cross Club

Ariella Angeli talked about their residence hall education event. The club wants to go to the halls and teach students about first aid, disaster preparedness, and alcohol safety. They are moving their event dates back and will be determining the new date this week. Last week they received \$900 from the Residence Hall Association. Because of this they are altering their request to \$600 for the supplies for kits and

advertising costs. Vonhoff asked what they were cutting from their budget to bring it down so much. Angeli said the club hasn't had their meeting yet but they will be figuring that out the next time they meet. She thinks they probably cut the space blankets or hand sanitizers because they are large costs. Hagen said he feels comfortable giving them more funding. Koenig dittoed. Temple said this event would give students valuable knowledge and stuff they can use. Eichholz asked about RHA giving more funding. Angeli said they received less than they anticipated from RHA so they don't feel comfortable asking for more money from them at this time. Freeman said she was comfortable with \$800. Daniel dittoed.

MOTION AC-12-W-27 by KyeFreeman

Approve \$800 to WWU Red Cross Club in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

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

B. Darkside Printmakers

Tyna Ontko and Jake Relier represented the Darkside Printmakers. Vonhoff said that, unfortunately, Activities Council is deciding on funding requests for three different conferences. The total amount being asked for is \$3,800 and the budget is \$2,780. Hagen said he feels comfortable giving this club \$600, \$200 per person. Hagen said they will be getting a lot of value for their club and professional work. Vonhoff said it will be hard to tell other clubs they will get less because they are giving a substantial amount to this club. Hagen said his recommendation was based on airfare and lodging for travelling such a long distance. He asked the club what their contribution would be to the conference costs. Ontko said they have a number of shows lined up and are looking at contributing between \$600 and \$900. She also said that they would be fine with receiving an underwrite. Ontko added that the Art Department is contributed \$300 towards their registration fees as well. Freeman said they could split the cost between the club and academic conference accounts, \$300 from each.

MOTION AC-12-W-28 by Kye Freeman

Approve Darkside Printmakers, in the form of a grant, \$300 from Club Conference and \$300 from Academic Conference to travel to New Orleans for their conference.

Second: Daniel Hagen

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

Orallo-Molinaro left at 6:47PM

C. Button Mashers

Troy said they are being sponsored by a local business and holding a fund raising event to help pay for their tee-shirts. Vonhoff asked how many tee-shirts they could get. Troy said he was not able to get an exact estimate but with two colors it will be expensive. The designs they have proposed are a bit complicated as well. Troy said the club's weekly meeting usually gets 14 people. Hagen said he would aim for getting more tee-shirts to spread club awareness would be good. Temple clarified that Troy was not sure about exactly how many shirts the club would be able to purchase.

MOTION AC-12-W-29 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$500 in the form of a loan from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to Button Mashers for their tee-shirts.

Second: Maddy Vonhoff

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

D. Freethinkers of WWU

Caitlyn Cecchetto informed the council that the club now has 16 people going, and are asking for \$80 per person for registration fees. The club member out of pocket contribution will be between \$80 and \$100. However, they are still asking for the same amount. Hayden suggests doing a stipend. Vonhoff asked if the council could split the cost between the academic and club conference funds. Hagen said he didn't think they could consider this an academic conference. Hagen said he felt comfortable with \$900. Hayden said that a club merely needed to be considered academic and focus on academics to receive academic club funding. Koenig would like to fund the entire portion considering how many students are attending but \$900 is a large amount of money. Vonhoff asked if they were more comfortable with \$800. Cecchetto said the club can pay for everything from their club account. Hagen asked if the club would rather receive the funds as a stipend or just deposited into their account. Cecchetto would rather have it into her account.

MOTION AC-12-W-30 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve \$800 in form of a grant from the Club Conference fund to the Freethinkers of WWU.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

E. Foulplay: A Murder Mystery Club

Koenig said the club is adding games because their games are filling up faster than expected and that the club is in desperate need of streamers, balloons, table cloths, cups.

MOTION AC-12-W-31 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$110 in the form of a grant from Grants, Toans, and Underwrites to Foulplay: A Murder Mystery Club.

Second:

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

F. WWU Professional Artists Coalition

Freeman confirmed that the club is affiliated with the Art Department and that they are asking for \$2,000. Freeman suggested splitting the cost between the two conference accounts again. Troy pointed out that the club is contributing a lot to the conference cost. Temple added that there are a more people going to this conference than the one down in Touisiana and it is five days. He said he was comfortable with giving more money to this club. Freeman asked if all twelve people were confirmed. Austin Chernich said yes. Koenig said they will need to look at the Club Conference account because, even if this funding request is split there will only be, roughly, \$680 remaining. Hagen said the council needs to reallocate funds from General Funding, and said he is comfortable with \$1,750 but that still seems like a lot. Freeman asked if the club has other alternatives. Chemich said the club has a number of fundraisers going on but they're not sure how much they will be able to

raise. Troy suggested making this request an underwrite. Vonhoff said it wouldn't matter if the council made it an underwrite because \$2,000 is not enough to cover costs. Temple said that the council should make the funding for this club comparable to that of the club travelling to Touisiana especially since they have more people and are travelling to San Fransisco. Vonhoff stated that if the council is uncomfortable giving \$2,000 as an underwrite and hoping that they will get money back they shouldn't be approving that amount. Hagen said the council needs to consider this is a five day conference; the longer students are at a conference the more they can get out of it. Eichholz said that he is comfortable with \$1,750, but if the council gives the club an underwrite they shouldn't expect any money back. Hagen said that he does not want to undervalue the club's fundraising attempts and simply assume that if given an underwrite there is no way the council would get any money back. Hayden informed the council that this group already paid out of pocket for a different trip earlier this academic year because they missed the funding request timeline. Freeman asked exactly what the funding would go towards. Wendy Witsol said the money would go towards paying for the hotel. Koenig asked if people feel more comfortable with 1440 so 120 a person. Vonhoff said she would feel weird giving 600 for 3 students but only 1400 for 12 people. They have grants/underwrites and basic funding they could use. Hagen said if they give them this amount, they will have to be very ungracious to others that come. He wants to be as nice to as many people as possible. Troy asked if it would be possible to reallocate from grants/underwrites. Hayden said it is possible, but hasn't been done in the past.

MOTION AC-12-W-32 by Derrick Troy

Approve WWU Professional Artist Coalition \$750 out of club conference and \$1,000 out of Academic Conference in the form of a grant.

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

Hagen said that while earlier he stated that he was comfortable with \$1,750 that was his maximum and that this still seemed somewhat high. He pointed out that this motion would spend most if not all that was remaining in both conference accounts. He also pointed out that the academic year is only half over. Hagen suggested funding between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Koenig suggested giving the club \$1,440, \$120 per person. Troy said the council doesn't often see a club that puts so much effort and their own time and money towards funding a conference. Vonhoff said that she was uncomfortable giving \$600 to three students while only giving \$1,400 to twelve students. Troy asked if the money in Grants, Loans, and Underwrites was able to be repurposed. Hayden said that it was but recommended a great deal of thought and discussion going into that decision. He added that the council has gotten through the bulk of the conferences that they will hear this year but there are still a number of clubs that might come and ask for money. Hagen stated that since everyone was comfortable with \$1,440 that's what the council should give the club. Hagen then decided to reconsider his recommendation and base it on a per person amount. Eichholz agreed.

MOTION AC-12-W-33 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$120 per person to WWU Professional Artist Coalition in the form of an underwrite for their conference in San Fransisco, CA not to exceed the amount of \$1,000 out of Academic Conference and \$440 out of Club Conference.

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

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. Queer Resource Center

Jordan Deal and Briana Fitzpatrick said the Queer Resource Center is putting its on 20th Annual Drag Show. Each year they have a raffle including shirts, water bottles, string bags from the bookstore. Typically they have received around \$200- \$300. All of the proceeds will go to Sean Humphery House. Orallo-Molinaro asked why they bumped up the requested amount from \$300 to \$500. Deal said that it was to ensure that they would get at least the amount they have received in the past. Vonhoff clarified that, with a raffle request, the QRC could hold a raffle for profit. Freemans said she was comfortable with \$300. Hagen dittoed.

MOTION AC-12-W-34 by Kye Freeman

Approve \$300 to the Queer Resource Center in the form of a bookstore donation for Drag Show raffle prizes.

Second: Kasey Koenig

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Action: **PASSED**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:24 P.M.