

Western Washington University Associated Students

Activities Council Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2012 VU 567

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

Absent:

Late: Derrick Troy

Advisor is): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Guests: Dmitry Spiridonov, Russian Club; Yuki Kumakura, Japanese Student Association; Mizue Aoki, Japanese Student Association; Sarah Purington, Social Entrepreneur Society (Change-Makers Club); Amanda Clausen, WWU Birders Society; Hannah Leone, WWU Humans vs. Zombies; Matthew Yoo, American Campaign Transparency; Frederick Livingston, Student Homeless Outreach Team

MOTIONS

AC-12-W-45	Approve the minutes from the meetings on February 6 th & 9 th 2012, as written. - Passed
AC-12-W-46	Approve Japanese Student Association as a Cultural/Ethnic Club. - Passed
AC-12-W-47	Approve Social Entrepreneur Society (Change-Makers Club) as a Social Issues Club. - Passed
AC-12-W-48	Approve \$61 to WWU Humans vs. Zombies from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for bandanas for their spring game. - Passed
AC-12-W-49	Suspend the Rules of Operations to change the WWU Birders Society funding request from an Information Item to an Action Item. - Passed
AC-12-W-50	Approve \$230 to WWU Birders Society from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites as an underwrite for their trip to the San Juan Islands. - Passed
AC-12-W-51	Approve \$1,300 to the Russian Club for the Russian Cultural Party from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites with the stipulation that the proceeds from the event will be split between the Russian Club and Activities Council and that any unspent money will be returned to the council. - Passed
AC-12-W-52	Approve \$45 to American Campaign Transparency from Grants, Loans, and Underwrite for business cards. - Passed
AC-12-W-53	Approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Basic Funding to Club Conference. - Passed

Mario Orallo-Molinaro, AS YP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION AC-12-W-45 by Maddy Vonhoff

Approve the minutes from the meetings on February 6th & 9th 2012, as written

Second: Daniel Hagen Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Maddy Vonhoff stated that the Other Business should be referring to February 20th instead of January 20th.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kye Freeman reported that the current balances are:

Basic Funding: \$2,000
Grants, Loans, and Underwrites: \$13,813.19
Club Conference: \$1,240
Academic Conference: \$1,215
Bookstore Donations: \$855

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

A. Japanese Student Association

Yuki Kumakura and Mizue Aoki said that they are restarting this club. This club would be for students who want to share the Japanese identity, culture, and language with Japanese students and other interested students. They want the club to promote a better understanding of culture. It will also provide an opportunity to meet new people and expand networks for people interested in Japanese Culture. Freeman asked if this club would be a part of the AS or part of ESC, because it used to be a part of ESC. Vonhoff pointed out that they would not be able to approve a club to be part of the ESC.

MOTION AC-12-W-46 by Daniel Hagen

Approve Japanese Student Association as a Cultural/Ethnic Club.

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

B. Students for Inslee

This club was not present at the meeting. A member will be contacted and moved to next week's agenda.

C. Social Entrepreneur Society

Sarah Purington said that the club's mission is to connect Western's community to local businesses and social groups to encourage social, intellectual, and creative growth, and help develop the skills necessary to enact social change in business and the environment. How the club will do this is by connecting people with their passions and collaborating and cooperating with the local businesses they network with. Casey Hayden pointed out that two different names listed are both part of the official title of the club: Social Entrepreneur Society (Change-Makers Club). Purington said this was because it was a better known name on more campuses across the country. Hagen asked how the club plans on connecting students with leaders in the greater Bellingham community. Purington said the club is creating connections themselves and bringing in students who have connections in the community and past that they are doing a great deal of networking using preexisting connections. She added that they are also working with other clubs that have ties within the community.

MOTION AC-12-W-47 by Kye Freeman

Approve Social Entrepreneur Society (Change-Makers Club) as a Social Issues Club.
Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 8 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WWU Humans vs. Zombies

Hannah Leone said the club is requesting \$61 for bandanas for moderators in their spring quarter game. She said that the moderator bandanas really important for the game because the players will know who the moderators are and the rules can more easily be enforced and insure player safety. She added that it is easier for the club to order these bandanas in bulk.

MOTION AC-12-W-48 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$61 to WWU Humans vs. Zombies from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for bandanas for their spring game.

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

B. WWU Birders Society

Amanda Clausen said that their first big trip for the quarter is coming up. They are going to the San Juan Islands and are requesting money to cover gas and fare on the ferry. Clausen said that the club has been doing smaller outings but they are asking for funding because it is a bigger trip. She said that getting gas covered would also encourage more people to attend. Vonhoff clarified that the number of people they believe will be attending is eight including advisor. Vonhoff reminded Clausen that the council cannot cover non-student costs. Vonhoff then asked what the per person cost would be without the non-students. Clausen said that without the discount it is \$12 per person and there is an additional charge per car, and with six students there will be two cars. Hayden said that the club should be able to get the Washington State rate, which charges \$1 per person in the car plus the car fee. He also clarified that the council could pay the car fees and in that case it wouldn't matter who's in the car. Vonhoff pointed out that the trip would be before the next council meeting and that it would have to be approved this week. Hayden added that there was a failure in getting this on the agenda last week but all these expenses are reimbursable so that there could be a letter written and the paperwork and ERs would not have to be approved before their trip. Eichholz asked if they get the group rate for a smaller group. Clausen said the club just needs a letter stating their trip is official school business then they will get the state discount. Eichholz asked for the amount to be checked online. Hagen asked the council what they wanted to do with this item of business. Derrick Troy said he was ok with suspending the rules of operations.

MOTION AC-12-W-49 by Daniel Hagen

Suspend the Rules of Operations to change the WWU Birders Society funding request from an Information Item to an Action Item.

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

MOTION AC-12-W-50 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$230 to WWU Birders Society from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites as an underwrite for their trip to the San Juan Islands.

Second: Kye Freeman

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Action: **PASSED**

C. Student Homeless Outreach Team

Frederick Livingston said that the club is asking for \$180 for their quarterly Be Our Guest event. It will be on March 9th. This will cover \$30 for advertising and \$150 for three hours for a plain clothes police officer through University Police. Hayden asked how their event turned out last quarter. Livingston said it went well but not as many people came as usually had in the past because it was earlier in the month and there was less perceived need. Hayden also made sure that the club had enough meals from students. Livingston said that they did and they will be focusing on more outreach to the community this time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Russian Club

Dmitry Spiridonov said that there would be one change to the request. The club has obtained the MPR for their event so they will need \$200 for the set-up fee. The club will also be charging students for certain food items they are providing and will be giving all proceeds back to the AS. This is to give some of the money back. Spiridonov said that the \$200 for the MPR will include security, set-up, and sound equipment. He stated that the club will now be requesting \$1,391. He said that the sound equipment would be necessary for the performer that they have coming up. He reminded the council that while the performer is coming for no charge, they are asking for \$100 just in case he changes his mind or wants to bring up other members of his band who will need compensation. Freeman clarified that there may be a possibility that they need the money but if they don't use it the money will come back to the council. Troy asked how this event would work as a fund raiser if the club will then be giving back any money they don't use and what they earn from food sales to the AS. Spiridonov said that since they are a new club they want to have this event be more informative to let students know the club exists. He said that the funding is mainly to cover the food and since some food is more expensive the club wants to have the more expensive extra food items covered while giving all attendees some basic food for free. Hagen asked if the club is giving the money back how will this event be a fund raiser. Spiridonov said that this was an easier way to go and was worried about the amount to get funded but would like to keep the proceeds if it would be ok with the council. He said that this was a plan to ease the burden of how much they were asking for. He added that if they got to keep some of the money they would use funds for their weekly meetings including Russian food or movie rental. Hayden clarified that the choices the club seems to be giving is to give them an underwrite and have them pay back the revenue or give them an underwrite and let them keep all the proceeds. Eichholz clarified that the new set-up charges was a total of \$200 instead of an additional set-up fee, but the cost may vary. Spiridonov said that the club is reaching out to more people and getting more people who are interested to come. Vonhoff asked if there was consensus about revenue. She said

that it would be a lot of money for new club. Troy said he would be okay with giving them the money. Vonhoff said that she would feel better getting the revenue back because of amount the council has remaining. Spiridonov said that Vonhoff's idea is fine with the club and what they are hoping to get from this event is to have it be a starting off point for the club. They was the start contacting language clubs and have it be a multi-cultural party. Troy said he is okay with the club keeping \$100 and giving anything above that back to the council. Hagen said he likes the event but it seems a little expensive and wants some money back but also wants the club to keep some revenue also. Orallo-Molinario said he is okay with getting halfback the revenue back. Hagen and Eichholz dittoed.

MOTION AC-12-W-51 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$1,300 to the Russian Club for the Russian Cultural Party from Grants, Toans, and Underwrites with the stipulation that the proceeds from the event will be split between the Russian Club and Activities Council and that any unspent money will be returned to the council.

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

B. American Campaign Transparency

Matthew Yoo provided an example of the business card they are asking for funding for to the council. Freeman asked if the club is using the cards throughout the year and if any of the information will change. Yoo said he doesn't think the time of the meetings will change but they will address that before the cards are ordered.

Eichholz asked if these helped to get the club's information out. Yoo said that they had. While being efficient and adding legitimacy to the club, they also are very functional. He attributed one-third to one-half of all meeting attendees to the cards. He said that there will be small revisions to the card before they order new ones to add their Twitter and Facebook addresses. Freeman asked where they order their cards from. Yoo said that it is from an outside source, and while he doesn't know the information offhand he can get in to the council if needed.

MOTION AC-12-W-52 by Derrick Troy

Approve \$45 to American Campaign Transparency from Grants, Foans, and Underwrite for business cards.

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

C. Basic Funding Transfer

Orallo-Molinario reminded the council that the concesus from the last meeting was to move all the remaining basic funding to the Club Conference Budget. Temple asked why this was the case. Vonhoff explained that non-club members could technically request Academic Conference Funding and since this money is originally meant for the clubs she believes it should remain available to them in one form or another. Hagen agreed. Eichholz clarified that all the remaining Basic Funding would be moved to Club Conference.

MOTION AC-12-W-53 by Derrick Troy

Approve the transfer of \$2,000 from Basic Funding to Club Conference.

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

vni. OTHER BUSINESS

A. February 20th Meeting

Orallo-Molinaro said that next Monday is President's Day and asked when would be a good potential meeting time. There was no clear consensus. Since there were no pressing requests the council decided to have no meeting the week of the 18th and would meet again on Monday, February 27th.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:48 P.M.