

Western Washington University Associated Students Activities Council Meeting

Monday, April 2, 2012 VU 567

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

Absent:

Late:

Advisor Is: None

Secretary: Erin Curran-Tileston

Guest(s): Miranda Safstram, Western Food Co-op; Lauren Smith, Western Food Co-op; Kelly Pryde, WWU Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry; Kayla Posey, ASL Club; Anna Valkor, Students for Educational Equality; Ruta Nanivadekar, American Campaign Transparency; Derek McFaul, WWU PreMed Club; Michael LaRoy, PreMed Club; Yvonne Agduyeng, United Methodist College Group; Emily Kunz, United Methodist College Group; Frederick Livingston, Student Homeless Outreach Team; Nick Maxwell, WWU DECA; Cameron Adams, Occam's Razor; Emily Taylor, Students for Educational Equality; Alan Luna, Formula SAE; Shelly Durfey, WWU DECA; Alex White, WWU DECA

MOTIONS

AC-12-S-01	Approve United Methodist College Group as an AS Club in the religious category. - Passed
AC-12-S-02	Approve American Sign Language Club as an AS club under the cultural/ethnic category. - Passed
AC-12-S-03	Approve WWU Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry Group as an AS club under the religious category. - Passed
AC-12-S-04	Suspend the Rules of Operations to make Keith McHenry Speaks About Food Not Bombs into an Action Item. - Passed
AC-12-S-05	Suspend the Rules of Operations to make the Formula SAE Unveiling an Action Item. - Passed
AC-12-S-06	Suspend the Rules of Operations to change AS Club Activities Office Proposal from an Information Item into an Action Item. - Passed
AC-12-S-07	Approve \$30 per attending member to the WWU Pre-Med Club for their Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences Open House in Yakima, WA from the Academic Conference Account in the form of an underwrite. - Passed
AC-12-S-08	Approve \$1,100 to WWU DECA from Club Conference in the form of a grant. - Passed
AC-12-S-09	Approve \$261 to American Campaign Transparency as loan from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed
AC-12-S-10	Approve \$292 to Formula SAE for their unveiling from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of an underwrite. - Passed
AC-12-S-11	Approve \$400 to the AS Club Activities Office in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans and Underwrites. - Passed
AC-12-S-12	Approve \$300 to Student Homeless Outreach Team in the form of a underwrite from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed

Mario Orallo-Molinaro, AS YP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

None

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kye Freeman reported that the current balances are:

Basic Funding: \$0

Grants, Loans, and Underwrites: \$8,194.19

Club Conference: \$1,934

Academic Conference: \$765

Bookstore Donations: \$805

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

A. United Methodist College Group

Yvonne Agduyeng and Emily Kunz said that the founders of the club are part of the Garden Street Methodist Church College Group. As part of that they have free meals every Wednesday from 6-7pm and then worship afterwards. Kunz added that there are occasionally mission trips that they would go on. Agduyeng said that the group goes to lots of conference, retreats, and talks. Their goal is to make these opportunities available to rest of campus. Freeman made sure that the girls understood that the Associated Students cannot give funding to religious organizations.

MOTION AC-12-S-01 by Daniel Hagen

Approve United Methodist College Group as an AS Club in the religious category.

Second: MaddyVonhoff Vote: 7-0-0

Action: **PASSED**

B. American Sign Language Club

Kayla Posey said that they goal of the club would be to share deaf culture and sign language. She wants to get people involved with the deaf community on campus.

MOTION AC-12-S-02 by Adam Eichholz

Approve American Sign Language Club as an AS club under the cultural/ethnic category.

Second: Daniel Hagen Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Action: **PASSED**

C. WWU Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry Group

Kelly Pryde said that she wanted to start the WWU Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry Group as a place where people who identify as U.U. or some who just want to worship could come. She wants to create a safe and inclusive space for people to do worship. She would also like to put on some social justice programs through the club. They plan on partnering with the local congregation to do a number of projects within the community.

MOTION AC-12-S-03 by Daniel Hagen

Approve WWU Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry Group as an AS club under the religious category.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Students for Educational Equality

Anna Valkov said that the club is holding their annual Education, Civil Rights, and Activism Week and having a movie week. They have obtained the rights to three of the movies. They now only need the funding for the rights to “The End of Poverty” which will be \$500. The club is collaborating with a number of different organizations across campus who will be holding panel discussions and workshops. Students for Social Change has said that they will put \$50 towards obtaining the right and the Students for Educational Equality is also willing to put some of their club’s funds towards it as well. Vonhoff clarified that the club is now only asking for funding enough to obtain the rights to “The End of Poverty.” Valkov said that this was the case because they had just received the rights to “Waiting For Superman” as a donation. Vonhoff asked to have a meeting with them before the next council meeting in order to get a break down of the event and an itinerary for the week’s activities. Valkov informed the council that with the clubs’ contributions the amount they are asking for is approximately \$400. Vonhoff wondered if they were still asking for \$20 to purchase refreshments. Valkov said that they did not because it was being covered by the club. She added that the events would be going on between April 23 & 26 and all the events would be free.

B. Western Student Food Co-op

Miranda Safstram and Lauren Smith said that their club’s goal is to serve and provide a student run food alternative on campus that are not Aramark, and are local and organic. They do a lot of this through the Bulk Buying Club. They are currently trying to fund four cooking classes they are calling “Seasonal Shenanigans” where they will focus on seasonal local ingredients. The club also want to focus on the importance of “real” food: choosing fruits and veggies over packaged goods. They want to teach people to cook their own meals on a limited budget. Their first class will be cutting skills, and the last three classes will be \$30 each coming to a total of \$90. They will need to buy Kale and Quinoa, but they don’t know what exactly they will be cooking in these classes so they can only give a rough estimate of costs. Smith said that they had previously tried charging for the classes but they didn’t have the turn out they wanted and they want it to be free so it is open to more people. Hagen said that he was comfortable with funding the program but suggested asking for a donation so the club had funds for the future. Smith said that they want to do this as a free and educational program but do intend to do that in the future. Freeman confirmed that this would be given as an underwrite. Safstram reiterated that they might not need all the money they are asking for so an underwrite would work well.

C. Student Homeless Outreach Team

A. Be Our Guest

Frederick Livingston said that they are asking for \$180 for a plain clothes officer to be at the event for 3 hours and printing. He said that the event is not until June but they want to secure their funding early.

B. Keith McHenry

Livingston said that the club is trying to expand the events that they put on so they are bringing Keith McHenry to Bellingham. They are asking for \$300 to cover the speaker fees. McHenry started a program called Food Not Bombs where people bring food donations and they make a meal out of the donations. It is not considered a charity but instead is where people who have excess can redistribute their wealth. Vonhoff suggested making it an action item because a contract is involved. The rest of the council agreed.

MOTION AC-12-S-04 by Daniel Hagen

Suspend the Rules of Operations to make Keith McHenry Speaks About Food Not Bombs into an Action Item.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

D. WWU Formula SAE

A. Unveiling

Alan Luna said that every year Formula SAE designs an open-wheel style formula car. This event allows all the supporters and donors to come see the car. The purpose of this event is to show sponsors and supporters what they have been doing with the funds they received at the beginning of the year. Orallo-Molinaro confirmed that the unveiling would be the upcoming week so they would have to suspend the rules of operations.

MOTION AC-12-S-05 by Derek Troy

Suspend the Rules of Operations to make the Formula SAE Unveiling an Action Item.

Second: Adam Eichholz Vote: 7 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

B. Safety Equipment

Luna said that the club is 8 weeks away from competition in Detroit. He said while the club does have funding it has already been allocated to finishing the car. The club is in need of funds to replace their helmets, safety gloves, and other safety equipment. They have already lined up a vendor for the equipment as well. He said while the club does receive donations they still need outside funding. He added that while the competition is from May 9-12 they would ideally want to have the safety equipment as soon as possible. Luna said that they do still have a good amount of safety equipment but it has been with team for 4 or 5 years. Luna added that the club has never had designated team helmets, and that former members had used their own helmets and those have left with the members who had them. He said that the only requirement for helmets within competition is that they have to be a certain grading making them somewhat expensive—between \$400 and \$600. Luna added that it is possible that these helmets could be used for the next 10 years but then said that it was more likely that they would last about 4 or 5. Orallo-Molinaro said that while it was great that they were looking at cost it was more important to be safe. Luna added that they driving suit and the gloves have to be made out of fire proof material while the helmets can differ in the materials they are made out of. Koenig asked what

they would do if the council couldn't give them the full amount. Luna said that they would make due without the driving suit most likely. Freeman asked if they had done any fundraising. Luna said that they do fund 'raise, but that they don't receive that much funding. He reiterated that their money is tight and it has all already been allocated towards the car. Vonhoff confirmed that the helmets were the most important thing to be purchased with the gloves being a close second.

E. AS Club Activities Office

Vonhoff said that she and the Club Hub Task Force is doing a month long Orgsync incentive program. They want to get clubs more involved on Orgsync. They will have competitions each week: highest number of recruitment, group photo, best website, and getting officers and members to submit End of the Year Club Award nominations. She is asking for \$400 to be split between 4 weeks. The prizes range from a day at the Edge Challenge Course to a pizza party. The winning club will get to pick between two prizes each week. The goal of this program is to get Orgsync's and the office's name out there. She said that this is also a fun thing for the clubs to do. Vonhoff added that she wanted to make this an Action Item so they could start immediately and it wouldn't interfere with other programs they were doing this quarter. Vonhoff said that she wants to advertise the program this week but doesn't feel comfortable advertising the prizes without having the money in her account.

MOTION AC-12-S-06 by Kye Freeman

Suspend the Rules of Operations to change AS Club Activities Office Proposal from an Information Item into an Action Item.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 7 - 0 - 1 Action: **PASSED**

F. Viking for Fair Trade

Ruta Nanivadekar said that her club is requesting \$50. Orallo-Molinaro said that basic funding no longer exists so the funding request would be moved to Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. Vonhoff confirmed that the funding would go towards \$40 of chocolate and \$10 of printing. Nanivadekar said that this would all be to hand out while tabling. She added that they already bought some chocolate. Hagen said that the council can't fund a club retroactively. Nanivadekar said that they were going to do a petty cash request and would ask for the funding in order to do more events this quarter. The club is planning on showing "The Dark Side of Chocolate" in the residence halls so they would use the chocolate then too. Vonhoff asked if the council would want to approve \$10 for printing and then have the club resubmit their request with the changes and then come back. Nanivadekar said that it would be good to have money in their account to be used as petty cash. Vonhoff said that they funding must be given out for a directly stated purpose. It was agreed that Nanivadekar should resubmit the form as a grant and come back for funding at a later date when they have their events more solidified.

G. Occam's Razor Publication

Cameron Adams said that Occam's Razor is a new publication on campus that prints academic essays and gives students a chance to be published as an undergraduate. The club is printing fewer copies than they did last year, but they plan to format it similarly. Hagen asked how many copies they printed last year and how many they gave out. Adams said that they printed 500 and distributed about 300. She reiterated

that they are asking for less money this year. Their goal is to make an institution out of the publication and because they are not well known or established they have no official place to distribute the publication. Vonhoff confirmed that the publication was free. Adams said that the publication was for the students' benefit. Adams said that they printed three psych essays as well as essays from different departments across campus. Troy asked if they had done any fundraising. Adams said that they had not but they are open to any suggestions the council might have because they are unsure where to go. She added that their goal for the publication is to make it an office on campus so they have allocated funds, but at this point they are just trying to get the word out and get as much support as possible. Eichholz asked how the publication was how distributed. Adams said she brought them to different departments, and put some in the VU, the Tibrary, Arntzen, and in free spaces across campus. Vonhoff asked how many papers they were planning on publishing. Adams said about 4 or 5 depending on length. Hagen said that, realistically, he does not think they could find them the full amount. He asked Adams to come back with ideas for reducing the cost of printing. Adams said that they need a little extra money for advertising and there is a little cushion added to the funding they are asking for. She added that they have a grant from last year that they were trying to save to make a website, but if worse came to worse she would rather the publication get out. Hagen suggested working with Orgsync to get a hosted website for free. Temple asked how they decide what is published. Adams said that a group of editors read the submissions and decide which essays they want to work on and which they don't.

- H. Students for Renewable Energy
No show

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. WWU Pre-Med Club

Derek McFaul and Michael LaRoy reminded the council that their club is trying to get funding to go to a med school open house in Yakima. This would be an opportunity for them to meet doctors and the admissions committees from the school, as well as current students. They are asking for \$570. Troy asked what going to this open house would accomplish for the club. McFaul said that this gets the students to the school where they can meet students. By doing this they have a better chance when applying because this event is a chance to network with school officials. LaRoy added that in return, the head of admissions from the school will come up to Western, which the club hopes to make a recurring event. Koenig asked if there were definitely 15 people going. The representatives said that there were. Orallo-Molinaro confirmed that the club was looking to rent a van and a mini-van. Vonhoff asked what the club would do if the council couldn't fund the whole amount. McFaul said that they would raise the amount that students would have to contribute and will cut costs where they could. Koenig suggested taking the total expenses and splitting them in half. She said that in this case each person would contribute \$30 and the council would contribute \$30 per person. This would total \$450. Eichholz asked if this would be prohibitive. McFaul said that some people might drop because of the money but they will try to fill spots. Hagen asked what other conferences they would be hearing. Vonhoff said that there was this conference, DECA, the Marine Technology Club, and Psychology Club. Eichholz said that this event sound like a

good opportunity for the club members. He also pointed out that they have not come to Activities Council for funding before. McFaul said that this was actually the first time in four years they had asked the council for funding. Vonhoff suggested giving the club funding out of Academic Conference funding and making it an underwrite.

MOTION AC-12-S-07 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$30 per attending member to the WWU Pre-Med Club for their Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences Open House in Yakima, WA from the Academic Conference Account in the form of an underwrite.

Second: Maddy Vonhoff

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

B. WWU Humans vs. Zombies

WWU Humans vs. Zombies had no representative at the meeting.

C. WWU DECA

Shelly Durfey, Alex White, and Nick Maxwell represented DECA at the meeting. Durfey said that last quarter the club went to state and all 14 people who competed qualified to go to nationals and the team also won 7 out of 8 categories entirely. Their hope is to get all 14 people to nationals but they will reduce the number of people attending depending on how much they receive and can raise. Hagen asked if the competition is team based. White said that some of them are and some aren't. He added that a problem with not being able to bring all 14 participants would be that teams can't be replaced so the whole team would be dropped from the competition. Durfey said that they are doing two fund raisers this weekend. The first is a DJ competition and the second is an Applebees fundraiser where they get 15% of the proceeds from the night. Troy asked when the club will know their total contribution. Maxwell said that they will know by the end of the weekend, but prices are going up daily so they are trying to get funding now. Hagen asked for the club's best estimates. Durfey said that they are expecting to raise about \$2,000. They are also requesting \$2,100 from the council. They are also making sure that club members pay for as much as possible. They are just trying to get funding for hotels, registration, and flights. Orallo-Molinero said that it will be harder to fund the club for nationals because the council funded them for state. Vonhoff said that the council has \$2,200 left and Marine Technology wants \$700. She estimated that the council might give that club \$500 so the council would be down to \$1,700. Hagen said he was not comfortable making generalizations without seeing the proposal. Vonhoff said she understands but she helped make the proposal and is speaking for them because they couldn't be on the agenda because of space issues. She said she wanted the council to know what's coming down the pipe. Orallo-Molinero recognized that ideally 14 people would be going to nationals. Eichholz asked how many people are in team competitions exclusively. They said at least 6, possibly 8. Hagen asked if the council couldn't fund the full amount, would the club be able to work it so that more individuals could go. The representatives said that their advisor would be distributing the money and be figuring out who is going. Durfey said that all 14 members have also sent out letters to their families asking for money. Troy asked if the club had approached the College of Business and Economics. Durfey said they had and will be meeting with them soon. She added that they are asking the CBE for \$6,000. Hagen pointed out to the council that the club can't necessarily count on CBE for their funding. Troy said it is important for the club to think about other places to get

funding. Orallo-Molinaro said that many of the colleges start thinking long term as far as funding is concerned and he hopes they will start to take initiative with DECA. Vonhoff said the council shouldn't short change the department, because they might be willing to help support the team. Hagen said he was minimally comfortable with up to about \$1,600. Koenig said she thought that was a little high. Eichholz dittoed. Hagen reiterated that these are the clubs that came early and are planning in advance so they should get the benefit of that. Vonhoff said that if they gave \$1,600 to DECA and \$500 to Marine Technology there would only be \$150 left over. Troy suggested giving them \$80 per student. Hagen confirmed that the conference is in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hagen said that \$80 a person might be a little low. Eichholz confirmed that the council gave the club \$1,750, \$125 per person. Orallo-Molinaro said that he is comfortable with \$80 per person, coming out to \$1,100. Maxwell said that they would appreciate anything they could get and that \$1,100 would cover about 10% of their total costs. Eichholz said that he is comfortable with that. He also pointed out that even if all the people can't go to nationals they did amazingly well at state. Hagen said he would be okay with giving them a little more than \$1,120. Vonhoff said that if the council gave the \$1,100, they would have \$1,100 left. She also pointed out the council gave DECA a lot for state. Durfey said that the club hopes to get DECA alumni donations in future and hopefully the CBE will take notice. Temple said he wants to give them more, but with what the council gave them before the club is receiving over \$200 per student from the council.

MOTION AC-12-S-08 by Derek Troy

Approve \$1,100 to WWU DECA from Club Conference in the form of a grant.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

D. American Campaign Transparency

Matthew Yoo and Nanivadekar said that they had already been funded \$50 for their dance party to cover the cost of Gatorade. They want to redirect some of the money that they were already given towards a tech crew to watch security and their decibels and would instead buy water and put lemon in it. Vonhoff said that there were more outside regulations than the club had expected and this is where the request was coming from. Hagen said that he would rather that the club not use bottled water. Yoo and Nanivadekar said that they weren't planning on it and instead would get a cooler and put water and flavor it with different fruit. Orallo-Molinaro asked for a vote of confidence from the council. All seven members agreed that American Campaign Transparency could use the funds to cover the tech fees for their event.

Yoo added that they are still looking for a loan of \$261 to buy their shirts. Orallo-Molinaro confirmed that the club was going through the Publicity Center for the shirts. Yoo asked when they would need to pay the loan back. Vonhoff said that there was no set deadline, but that they should pay it back as soon as possible so that the funds could go to another club and not simply be redirected at the end of the year, especially since funds are so tight. Yoo said he would try to pay the loan back within three weeks.

MOTION AC-12-S-09 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$261 to American Campaign Transparency as loan from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Matt Temple Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

E. Formula SAE

Hagen said that he was okay with funding the unveiling

MOTION AC-12-S-10 by Daniel Hagen

Approve \$292 to Formula SAE for their unveiling from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of an underwrite.

Second: Derek Troy Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

F. AS Activities

The council agreed that this was worth funding.

MOTION AC-12-S-11 by Derek Troy

Approve \$400 to the AS Club Activities Office in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans and Underwrites.

Second: Adam Eichholz Vote: 4 - 0 - 3 Action: **PASSED**

G. Student Homeless Outreach Team

Frederick Livingston said that the club is fund raising by doing a bake sale. Vonhoff said that if the event is funded he needs to get in touch with Lisa Rosenberg as soon as possible.

MOTION AC-12-S-12 by Derek Troy

Approve \$300 to Student Homeless Outreach Team in the form of a underwrite from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Adam Eichholz Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

VH. BOOKSTORE DONATIONS

A. Comm Club

No show

B. AS K VTK & ASP Film

No show

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:08 P.M.