

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

Monday, November 26, 2012 VU 567

Present: Carly Roberts, Michael Swift, Savannah Roberts, Kasey Koenig, Isabella Ramos Miller, Jake Velasco

Absent: Jarred Tyson

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guest(s): Andrew Law - Theistic Thinkers; Kaitlin Stevens and Crista Dougherty - WWU Society for Photographic Education (SPE); Rimma Alnaami - Formula SAE; Mekenzie Clark and Emma Eliason - American Choral Directors Association;

**MOTIONS**

<b>AC-12-F-29</b>	Approve to recognize Theistic Thinkers as an official AS special interests club. <b>--Passed</b>
<b>AC-12-F-30</b>	Approve to recognize WWU Society for Photographic Education Club as an official AS arts, dance, and music club. <b>--Passed</b>

**Carly Roberts, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.**

**I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Strike the Pre-med Club from information items because upon further inspection, their funding request didn't fit the guidelines. American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) will be added as an Information Item. Also, under Club Recognition will be WWU Society for Photographic Education (SPE).

**II. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Michael Swift said that grants loans and underwrites, we have allocated which has left us to a total of. Club conferences, Academic Conferences, and Bookstore Donations. He said that we're doing good this quarter.

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

A. Theistic Thinkers

Andrew Law said this club is like a monthly book club. Savannah Roberts asked if it was based on one faith or various. He said it's open, it's not religious. Carly Roberts asked why he wanted to start the club. He said that recognized clubs get a lot of benefits from the Associated Students. Swift asked how he plans on promoting involvement for this club. He said that he and officers will be going into philosophy classes next quarter to advertise for this club. Isabella Ramos Miller asked how many have shown interest. He said around 15, and some aren't Western Washington University students. Kasey Koenig asked if they have any books in mind that they're going to start reading. He said he had a handful of books in mind, and that he and the club will narrow down the choices until they agree on a book. Casey Hayden said that this club can also be a special interests club as well. He asked if it would be better to be recognized as an academic club. Law said he thought about it but thought being under a special interests group would be better. Hayden said you don't need faculty to support it to be an academic club. He also wanted Law to keep in mind that clubs like the free thinkers and Harry Potter club are special interest clubs as well. Carly Roberts said she is in favor of it being in a special interests group so it's open to a lot more people than if it were to be under a department if they have no interest in being a part of it. Swift asked Hayden if it's this council's decision or the club's to decide on which

category they will recognize the club under. Hayden said it's mutual. He then asked Andrew what he would prefer. He said he would like to keep it as a special interests group.

**MOTIONAC-12-F-25** by: *Michael Swift*

Approve to recognize Theistic Thinkers as an official AS special interests club.

Second: Velasco Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Actions: **PASSED**

B. WWU Society for Photographic Education (SPE)

Crista Dougherty said that last year there was a club called the WWU Artist Coalition Club. She said it was essentially a skill sharing club. She then said that it was primarily focused on photography. She also mentioned that they just got back from the regional conference and that they're working for Nationals in Chicago. A big thing that they do is each member has a portfolio and professionals look into it. Carly Roberts asked about the club. She said the aim for the org is for professionals to come in. She said it's about educators and learning about the field in general. She said a big part of splitting up the group is so that the members are able to focus strictly on photography. Jake Velasco asked what category they're under. Hayden said their under the arts, music, and dance category. She also added that for the last three years their group has presented at the regional conference.

**MOTION AC-12-F-27** by: *Jake Velasco*

Approve to recognize WWU Society for Photographic Education Club as an official AS arts, dance, and music club.

Second: Carly Roberts Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Actions: **PASSED**

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Formula SAE

Rimma Alnaami is the assistant business director of Formula SAE and said they are part of the research institute which focuses on engineering and technology. Every year they build race cars from scratch. This year they decided they want to build two cars, one being an electric car. She said this is a big step for WWU. The first competition will be held in Michigan and the second in Nebraska (which is for the electric car). With having to build two cars per year, they have more financial pressure than usual. They have donors and sponsors but this year they have to fundraise twice as much because of the two cars. She said she knows it's expensive, so what they want to ask for is safety equipment for the team and tool sets. The first item was two safety harnesses for the cars, it's essential for competition. The second is a small driver's suit, because most of the guys can't fit in the old suits. There are new members who are smaller sized so in the future they'll use those as well. They also want tool sets. The tools they have now either got work out, or lost at competition. They've developed a strategy to take care of their tools so they won't damage as quickly or lose them. They found deals on suits and harnesses with Safe Racer. One's screwdriver tool set, and the other is a 17 tool piece set. They'd get them from the local Sears. The benefits would be the fact that they can be used for a long time. She said they are representing WWU and they compete against major European clubs that are funded by Mercedes Benz. She said if they get more funding they can do more research. She said the total amount they are asking for is \$1,108.96. She said they have looked into getting affordable products. She said the AS and WWU have helped them a lot in the past and that she said they appreciate it all. Carly Roberts said she noticed in their funding request,

it states that Formula SAE is paying off debts from previous years. Alnaami said those accounts aren't on campus, but yes they are in debt. She said they're all outside of campus, and they don't owe the university any funding. She said that because of these debts, they're more financially stressed. There said there wasn't enough transparency on the business team. Swift asked if her club has other funding sources. She said they have sponsors that donate annually. She said the cost was about \$30,000 last year for their car. She said there are other businesses and companies that help out by allowing them to borrow their materials for their race cars. They usually also receive donations. She said they're working with a research website where you post your creations and people donate if they think it's a good cause and idea. Last year they also tried to reach out to the communities and taught science classes at elementary schools and they got reimbursed \$2,000. But this year they cannot be reimbursed. Savannah Roberts asked how WWU has done at these competitions in the past. Alnaami said they have done really well. She said they build their own engines and they have been on the cover of a UK magazine. We usually score at the top 20 out of many. She told the council that there are different competitions; design, speed, etc. Carly Roberts asked if the suits are gender neutral. She said it's all about not having enough time to drive. Members usually go to autocrosses to test the car. She said they have about 30 or 40 members and that it's not about gender but having enough time for one person to ride and get really experienced. She said it's gender mutual and everyone is very respectful about that when women do drive. Velasco asked if the suits can be tailored. She said no, if it doesn't fit well it will go against the safety requirements. They have to abide certain guidelines because they're only a collegiate organization. Carly Roberts asked which would be most important if they were only to partially fund their club. She said the tool set which is the 413 pieces, then the harnesses, then the driver's suits, and then the 17 piece tool set. She said they usually have to have their cars in really good standings before competition. Hayden went and talked about the other funding requests they've made in the past as well. Carly Roberts asked if they'll have more expenses for travel in the future. She said they might, depending on how much assistance they get from the AS and sponsors. She said usually team members cover those costs. Carly Roberts said that this is a really important thing to fund, and she said in the past they have funded greatly in the past. She said this would be a good thing to fund. Savannah Roberts and Velasco agreed. She said Western Washington University has a very popular video on YouTube and we are really good competition, especially to European schools. She said that unlike UW, they can't travel abroad. Swift asked if the electric car will be a racecar and how fast it can go. She said the limit is about 103 mph, and they test out the car to see if it can handle being driven for a long while. But racing the cars for speed is just for fun at the competition. Next week, Formula SAE will come back as an action item.

B. American Choral Directors Association ΓACPA1

Emma Eliason and Mekenzie Clark are asking for \$4,000 for their annual conference. This conference is for future music educators. Clark said most of the members want to teach middle school, or high school choirs. It's the national conference, and it happens every other year. They're asking for \$500 per person, for 8 people. It's \$199 per student, which is a great discount. Tickets to Dallas, Texas are very expensive. And also for hotel for 5 nights, and basically compared to general registration for those who aren't students. Koenig asked about how much he thinks each person will be contributing out of pocket. He said it depends on how much each person will contribute. They said it would be approximately \$400 per person. They said they're expecting 50,000 educators from around the world. They're also giving out \$500 scholarships at the conference, which they're all applying for. Swift asked if they've gone to this conference in the past. They said yes, two years ago they went to Chicago. They paid out of pocket to go to the regional conference

last year is Seattle. Savannah asked when they'll know whether or not they have received scholarships. They said they're not too sure but that the due date is November 30<sup>th</sup>. They're all applying so that they have more chances for the scholarship. Swift asked if they plans to bring back what they learned back to other members of the club. Eliason said yes they would at the ACDA meeting in front of those who aren't attending and in front of the general music education club so they'll share their experience to other clubs. They also mentioned they've had two advisors, and they motivated people to go because it's really tied into their coursework and is specific. Swift asked if this is an opportunity to represent WWU. He said yes. It would also be a huge way to network with future employers and big names in the choral education world as well. One member, who is also an art major, will also be designing a logo for Western Washington University shirts. Koenig asked what they would do if they weren't able to fund this conference. They said it would be a lot of fundraising and a lot of it would come out of pocket. They said this funding would make it easier for people to make money for it. Eliason said they would discuss it later as a group if some can't afford, and they'll fundraise a group. Hayden then gave details on how much has been funded in the past. He said they're not getting department funding because the concert choir is doing something else in the spring, which has taken up all funding. Hayden added that the concert choir isn't funded by the AS. Next week, ACDA will come back as an action item.

#### **V. BOOKSTORE DONATIONS**

None

#### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Carly Roberts said the council will be approving the rules of operation next week as an action item.

#### **VII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Swift is worried about the amount that these clubs are asking for it. Carly Roberts said that equitable and equal are two different things. Koenig adds that we should be careful so that we're able to be equitable for spring quarter. Hayden talks about last year how they made sure to keep it so that they were funding everything so that by the end of the year they still had money for those who asked for funding towards the end of the school year. He said we have had about one or two less requests this quarter than we did last year. Swift stresses for everyone to come prepared next week and to look over the budget. Savannah said that two years ago, they requested \$200 to send nine people. Carly said if they go off how they funded the Music Educators Club, she said it would be irresponsible to give one club more funding, when technically they are doing the same thing, conference wise.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 5:27 P.M.**