

Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013 VU 567

Present: Jarred Tyson, Kasey Koenig, Morgan Heetbrink, Savannah Roberts, Michael Swift

Absent: Carly Roberts, Jake Jake Velasco, Lindsey Warr, Isabella Ramos Miller

Advisor Is): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Mavra Guizar

Guestsf: Maggie Mafterson - Project Nur WWU; Anthony Rose and Sam Ryan - The Hanuman Society for the Reading of Sanskrit Texts; Edward Cuevas and Omar Juma - Untouchable; Adam Coe - E'yachad; Nathan Drake and Clair Jones - Swing Kids; Frederick Livingston - Western Homeless Outreach; Joseph A. Tiegs - Western's Billiards Club; Matthew Yoo - American Campaign Transparency; Jesse Douglas-Tesch - Music Producers Club; Mike Linden - Western Writers United; Nick - WWU Snowboard and Ski Club; Sam Harvey - MEChA

MOTIONS

AC-13-W-37	Approve to recognize Project Nur as an official AS Social Issues Club. -Passed
AC-13-W-38	Approve to recognize The Hanuman Society for the Reading of Sanskrit Texts as an official Academic/Departmental AS Club. -Passed
AC-13-W-39	Approve to recognize Untouchables as an official AS Special Interests Club. - Passed
AC-13-W-40	Approve to recognize E'yachad as an official AS Social issues Club. -Passed
AC-13-W-41	Approve a grant of \$178.03 for Western Homeless Outreach's Be Our Guest from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. -Passed
AC-13-W-42	Approve a grant of \$200 for Western Billiards Club equipment from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. -Passed
AC-13-W-43	Approve a grant of \$100 for Western Writers United from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. -Passed
AC-13-W-44	Approve a grant of \$100 for Western Writers United from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. -Passed
AC-13-W-45	Approve a grant of \$170 for the WWU Snowboard and Ski Club's travel to Stevens Ski Resort from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. -Passed
AC-13-W-46	Approve \$150 in the form of a grant for MEChA from Bookstore Donations. - Passed
AC-13-W-47	Approve \$100 in the form of a grant for the Psychology Department for Psychfest from Bookstore Donations. -Passed

Michael Swift, AS Assistant Business Director, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Friends of the Needle representative is not present; this item will no longer be added to further agendas.

Approve to add Project Nur WWU, Untouchable, The Fort North West, E'yachad, and The Hanuman Society for the Reading of Sanskrit under Club Recognition.

Vote: 5-0-0 Action: **PASSED**

II. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael Swift said Activities Council has \$22,506.80 in Grants, Loans, and Underwrites,

\$2,800 in the Club Conference Account, \$820 in the Academic Conference Account, and \$425 in the Bookstore Account.

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

A. Project Nur WWU

Maggie Mafterson said Project Nur is part of a larger organization, and they are wanting to open a chapter at Western for any sort of dispelling of barriers with the Islamic culture. This is to bring people of all different backgrounds and cultures to break down stereotypes, and to introduce people to what Islam is really about. Koenig asked if they have any events planned. She said they're hoping to get in a movie night towards the end of the quarter, which would also be a potluck. It would introduce Islamic politics in a friendly environment, where they will be having Islamic dishes. They also want to have a dance that they would like to put on. Jared Tyson asked what a typical meeting would look like. Mafterson said the first few meetings they will be working out the logistics for getting in contact with the Project Nur organization which has its headquarters in Washington D.C., and also begin to plan events. After that, they will have members bringing in new media for everyone to discuss. She said they would also work on Arabic and bring in material that's been worked on in their Islamic class, as well. Tyson asked if they're related to a Department on campus. Mafterson said no. She said the majority of the members are from the liberal studies department and Arabic program, but they aren't tied to a specific department. She said the only ties they do have is with the AIC Project Nur in Washington D.C. Swift asked how many students are currently involved in the club. Mafterson said there are about 6-10 members. Tyson asked what the organization requires to be a chapter. She said that they have to establish themselves as a club at a university. She said they are not affiliated with the Muslim Student Association. She said they basically have a lot of freedom.

MOTIONAC-13-F-37 by: Kasey Koenig

Approve to recognize Project Nur as an official AS Social Issues Club.

Second: Morgan Heetbrink Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

B. The Fort North West

Absent

C. The Hanuman Society for the Reading of Sanskrit Texts

Anthony Rose said the purpose of the club would be to deal with the Sanskrit language. He said, ideally, they want to draw in as much overlap as they can in terms of diversity. They're made up of mostly linguist focused students, but would also like other departments, like philosophy, to get involved. They're focused on teaching classical Sanskrit. Tyson told them to describe what Sanskrit text is. Rose said it's an ancestor Hinduism language. Sam Ryan also added that because it's such an ancient language, that this is very important, especially for Indo-European studies. Tyson asked how many people are involved with their club. Rose said they have seven people in the club so far.

MOTIONAC-13-F-38 by: Jared Tyson

Approve to recognize The Hanuman Society for the Reading of Sanskrit Texts as an official Academic/Departmental AS Club.

Second: Savannah Roberts Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

D. Untouchable

Edward Cuevas, who is the president of this club, said the purpose is to accomplish challenges. He said these challenges are things that people wish they could do, but don't, or things people have done and want others to do. He said he would like to do community outreach to get out of their boundaries of campus. He said there would be a process for membership, which is began with an interview, and a challenge. This is set up this way to see if potential members can follow directions and whether or not they can complete challenges, proven with physical evidence, pictures, or video. Cuevas said the first challenge will be giving members hard boiled eggs, and have all their professors sign it. He said people will either be recruits or vouchers. The way they'll get challenges is by getting ideas from potential members and they will pick the top ten. If you can accomplish one, you can maintain the voucher membership. They also have created a contract because this could be seen as hazing. Koenig asked if they have another way in which they can make sure the challenges are safe. Cuevas said on the back of the membership sheets, it states that everyone has the right to deny a challenge and they can give them something that's more beneficial for them. Koenig asked if they have a process of picking reasonable challenges. Juma said they're going to have a website where they put ideas and everyone will have a vote to which they would like to do. On the back of the contract it has a section for members to see that the club also can't force them to do anything. Tyson said that clubs have to be inclusive and are open to everyone, and isn't sure how that works with the voucher/recruit idea. Tyson said it almost sounded like someone has to know someone to be included in this club. Cuevas said that this club won't work that way. He said for members to complete challenges, they need to build a community with other people. He said they're not trying to be exclusive. Juma said that if you can get someone to vouch for you, you can still join, but you can get in through the initial challenge as well. Cuevas said that it's not to dictate, and it is open to everyone's opinion. Roberts asked how they came up with the club, and their egg challenge. He said this has been an idea since the fall. He said the egg idea was his idea. He said they both did it already, and completed it at their first attempts. He said challenges are based on member suggestions that meets criteria, and doesn't break rules. Tyson asked how they plan to advertise. Edward said through word of mouth. Tyson asked how they will turn into a non-networking club and open up to everyone on campus. Cuevas said that through advertisements, they'd explain everything. Omar said you can also sign up to be a member of the club on their website as well. Hayden told the council that Cuevas is aware of the hazing rules, and that he sees this club as a membership game. It's a challenge, and it keeps members engaged and regularly checking in. He said if people know what they're getting into before they join, it's okay. Koenig said that this is a good idea because it's a weekly incentive to keep going to club meetings. Swift said it can get people really into the club, or have people lose interest really fast. Because of this, he said he's concerned with the legacy of the club. Cuevas said that it would be wise to get an advisor in order to maintain the club. Juma added that there's hierarchy to the club, so if someone can't do it, someone can step in to the position. He said they have a zero tolerance of hazing, also. Hayden said that the purpose statement can be rephrased because people may not understand what "challenges" mean. Hayden rephrases their purpose statement and added "Members will engage in new missions every week, developed by themselves and club officers."

MOTIONAC-13-F-39 by: Savannah Roberts

Approve to recognize Untouchables as an official AS Special Interests Club.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

E. E'yachad

Adam Coe said this club is about students for Israel Education, and about the Middle East in general. He said over the last two quarters, there have been students who aren't comfortable answering aggressive questions from students in class and are unable to defend themselves. Coe said this club promotes peace and understanding through education. They'd have cultural events, speakers, etc. During meetings, they'd discuss events that are happening in the Middle East, concerns that have been coming up in classes, and general ideas of things they can talk about are welcome. He also added that E'yachad is a Hebrew word that means "together". Swift asked if there is a group of students interested. Coe said so far there are 15 people who are interested in the club. Swift asked if they are affiliated with a Department on campus. Coe said no, but that they are affiliated with "Stand With Us" which is the organization in which they are under. He said the organization does not dictate what the club does, but are a resource for funding, speakers, etc.

MOTIONAC-13-F-40 by: Kasey Koenig

Approve to recognize E'yachad as an official AS Social issues Club.

Second: Savannah Roberts Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

IV. INFORMATION ITEMSA. Transition Western

Absent

B. Swing Kids

Nathan Drake and Clair Jones just wanted to officially thank Activities Council for putting them on their agenda. Drake said they will be requesting in the future, and that this Saturday's event is no longer happening. He added that they have other events planned, one this quarter, and one for next quarter.

C. Western Homeless Outreach

Frederick Livingston said their club is requesting \$178.03 for plain clothed officers for this quarter's "Be Our Guest". Tyson asked if they do "Be Our Guest" every quarter. Livingston said yes. Tyson asked how many people attended last quarter. He said about 40 people. He said Fall quarter has the least amount of people, but mostly it's because of the weather. He said they should get about 80 people this quarter. Swift asked about the attendance, if that's students and guests included. He said no that the students don't count.

MOTIONAC-13-F-41 by: Kasey Koenig

Approve a grant of \$178.03 for Western Homeless Outreach's Be Our Guest from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Jared Tyson Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

D. Western's Billiards Club

Joseph A. Tiegs, who is president of the Western's Billiards Club, said they have yet to get basic equipment such as chalk, portable bridges, an 8 ball set, and triangles which came

up to be \$139.24. He said that's without shipping, which if he orders on Amazon, they will take that over. He's asking for an included duffle bag as well to keep it all in. He said they were thinking of ways to bring people in to sign up for their email list. They also want to put people in a prize drawing to win a pool cue. He said right now he'd like to raise the request to \$200. Koenig said that the pool cue is a great addition to the AS Club Showcase reward. Roberts said she's in favor of funding \$200. Tyson asked where they play. Tieg said they've had trouble with Fairhaven, which is where they play. They've been approved for Thursday and Friday meetings there. He said that it's different because Reslife owns everything there, but now they're meeting in the Underground Coffeehouse. He also added that the tables are in bad shape at Fairhaven. He said Fairhaven has enough to repair them, but they don't. Hayden said that it'll be the finance office that will finance their purchases, so they can't do it through their Amazon account. He said it would be up to the finance office. He also asked why they need triangle racks. He said they haven't found 9 ball racks. All the racks available are plastic. Fairhaven has one that's broken and taped together. Hayden wanted to remind them that equipment belongs to the club, not the members. Tieg said that they are planning on keeping it all in a duffle bag and putting it in club space. Swift said they could fund \$200 and work with that and see what they can spend. If they went over \$200, they would have to come back next week.

MOTIONAC-13-F-42 by: Kasey Koenig

Approve a grant of \$200 for Western Billiards Club equipment from Grants, Toans, and Underwrites.

Second: Savannah Roberts Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

E. Harry Potter Club

Absent

F. American Campaign Transparency

Matthew Yoo said they are not sure of how much they're asking for because 8 people are no longer going to this conference, so they don't need to rent a school vehicle. He said they will discuss legislation and methods for campaign finance, and will equip members with tools so that they can bring back to the community of Bellingham and engage with city council. They want to also hold a venue for the political science department. Swift asked if their request will be significantly less because of less people attending. Yoo said that about \$30 less because of car rental. Hayden said they could still use the vehicle for convenience. If they're going to use a private car, and want to get reimbursed, than they have to look at travel information. They talked about how using a private car being environmentally friendly, and the rented car would be more financially friendly. Hayden made calculations that they can get reimbursed \$54.04 (0.41 cents per mile traveled). Swift asked if Yoo is prepared to make the decision today. Yoo said that he's not sure. He said they could confirm it tonight, but if driving their own private car doesn't work, if they can still get access to the rented vehicle. Hayden said no, not without the funds. Swift said we the council could probably make this fund an underwrite so that if they do or don't use the vehicle, the money can come back. Hayden said that he personally rather know now so that the driver can get training or not. The council gave Yoo time to call another member of his club to make the decision. He then said that they will take their own transportation and won't be using the rental car.

MOTIONAC-13-F-43 by: Savannah Roberts

Approve a grant of \$55 for the American Campaign Transparency from Club Conferences.

Second: Jared Tyson Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

G. Music Producers Club

Jesse Douglas-Tesch said that they went to RHA for funds, but because of forms being submitted incorrectly, they've pushed the date further. He said the event would be in the MPR on Friday, April 5th. He said funds would go to sound, security, setup, and promotion. He said they are asking for \$1,000 total. Swift brought up the issue about the name of the event because of it being an issue of cultural appropriation, and asked how the council feels. Tyson said as a marketing standpoint. He said because they've used the title in the past, people will go again because they will remember how much fun they had in previous years. Douglas-Tesch said he has learned how important how branding is, and they will know what to expect if they know the brand. He said it's a play on tribal house, which is a genre of music. He said in his mind there's no better name for the event than this. If it's a huge deal, they can change it. Hayden said that Carly made him aware of the conversation had on Thursday when he was gone. He said it depends on the imagery of the posters, and expectations of the attendees, along with what they do with it. Hayden asked if Douglas-Tesch could describe the imagery, if anything was Native American related. Douglas-Tesch said that the face paint is more for music, and zero to do with Native American culture. He said the term "tribe" is worldwide. He can't remember what the posters looked like, but he can make sure that it isn't offensive. Hayden added that they can't control how people dress either. Tyson asked how many attended last year. Douglas-Tesch said they had over room capacity. He said this event is free, and the club has been doing well so far. He said all club members will be performing their original material as well. Swift asked to look at the budget again to see what the expenses are going to be. He said he would feel comfortable underwriting this amount so that any proceeds can come back. Douglas-Tesch reminded Swift that this is a free event. Swift then said that whatever is left over can come back. Douglas-Tesch said that it was budgeted to be a four hour event, but they want to make it into a five hour event instead, from 8 pm - 1 am. He asked in terms of funding, what their club has to do now. Koenig said they would have to pay the building manager for after hours. She said this would tack on an about an extra \$300. Koenig said if he could come back next week with specific hours. Douglas-Tesch said yes, of course.

H. Western Writers United

Mike Tinden said they're requesting \$100 for a project. He said they have 6 members, and said it's important for them to get going with significant project. They want to cover a car with magnetic poetry. He said after it's complete, they want it photographed (individual poems) and make a book, listing the authors, and get it published. He said they would give credit to everyone. He said they contacted the photography club, to take pictures for them, who will also get credit in their book. He said they want to use the vehicle at as many events as possible to get publicity, and are currently working with the AS Bookstore. He said they contacted the magnetic poetry company, who are interested in their project to include it in their business. He said this would be great publicity for their club at Western. They are scheduled for May 18th from 9 am - 5 pm in front of library for people to see the vehicle. After it's complete, they want to title and plaque the vehicle to promote the writers. During the events on and off campus, they want to have a large magnetic board for people so others can participate. He said in long on long term investment, he said he's enrolled in two majors (psychology and creative writing) so that

means he will be at western for another two years, so he will be a part of this club for years, and so his car will stay within WWU for a while. He added that they could use the windshields to advertise clubs to draw the community to campus. He said they could have the car be a part of events and parades. He said they are asking for \$100 from activities council, and \$100 from the English department, but that's pending. They only mentioned in case that they couldn't get funding from the English department, they will be coming back again. He mentioned that the magnets are a lot more, but prices are reduced because they're working with bookstore. Koenig asked Hayden if they're talking about a bookstore donation from them. Hayden said maybe, but they also have other funds. Heetbrink asked if there was a possibility of WWU wanting to purchase car, if they'd do that. Linden said yes, they would be.

MOTIONAC-13-F-44 by: Kasey Koenig

Approve a grant of \$100 for Western Writers United from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Morgan Heetbrink Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

I. WWU Snowboard and Ski Club

Nick said he's here to request \$150 in travel funding for the Hope On The Slopes event that is happening this weekend. They are hopping on the slopes at Stevens Ski Resort. He said it's for travel support to help the drivers pay for gas and for registration. Swift asked how many drivers there will be. Nick said there will be four drivers, 16 people in total. Koenig asked if they want to bump it up to \$170 because only \$150 would be less than \$10 per person. Nick said yes, that would be great. The council agreed. Hayden said that because travel is this weekend, they have to get driver training soon, even if they're taking their own cars. He needs to know the driver's names and enroll them. Hayden said it takes about 45 minutes - 1 hour.

MOTIONAC-13-F-45 by: Savannah Roberts

Approve a grant of \$170 for the WWU Snowboard and Ski Club's travel to Stevens Ski Resort from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Jared Tyson Vote: 5 - 0 - 0 Action: **PASSED**

V. **ACTION ITEMS**

None

VI. **BOOKSTORE DONATIONS**

A. MEChA

Sam Harvey said they are requesting \$800 for merchandise. Swift said that they only have about half of what they're asking for, so it'll be knocked down quite a bit. Hayden said \$150 is the average of what they have given in bookstore donations so far. Tyson asked if it would jeopardize the club if it weren't fully funded. Harvey said no. Koenig said even \$50 could pay for a lot at the bookstore. Heetbrink said that the \$150 for the Activities Showcase was sufficient, and she said she would feel comfortable doing the same because this event also hits a huge part of the community. The council agreed. Swift said it still makes him nervous because this is a bigger event, although he's not sure that all of those attending will be students, but that the bookstore would most likely want to be on that. Hayden said in the past, MEChA has gotten \$300. He said as far as bookstore donations come, it's harder to work with it because of the budget because it's less than what's been available in the past.

MOTION AC-13-F-46 by: Roberts

Approve \$150 in the form of a grant for MEChA from Bookstore Donations.

Second: Heetbrink Vote: 5- 0 -0 Action: **PASSED**

B. Psychology Department

Nobody was present, so the council then looked at their request. They want \$300 for ten gift cards with the amount of \$30 each. This would be a door prize and not a raffle. Hayden said it's a very heavy academic event. Heetbrink said that she feels that it doesn't reach all of campus. Koenig said that maybe they can give them 3 \$30 gift cards. Hayden said the year before they received \$150, and \$170 two years ago. Koenig said they are now sitting at \$375 for the rest of this and next quarter for bookstore donations. Hayden said after this event, they get only a few other requests from different clubs from this account. He said that they could probably even go to the bookstore and ask if they have more finances to spread to this account. Heetbrink said maybe \$100 can be given to them. The council agreed.

MOTIONAC-13-F-47 by: Morgan Heetbrink

Approve \$100 in the form of a grant for the Psychology Department for Psychfest from Bookstore Donations.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 5- 0 -0 Action: **PASSED**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:51 P.M.