

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

Monday, April 8, 2013 VU 567

Present: Carly Roberts, Jarred Tyson, Taylor Franks, Kasey Koenig, Morgan Heetbrink, Savannah Roberts, Jake Jake Velasco, Isabella Miller

Advisorfsk Casey Hayden

Secretary: Mayra Guizar

Guestfs!: Josh Johnson - Ta Meza Del Español; Jenna Brooks and Nam Siu - STEMGRO; Chris De Castro - International Business Club; Alexander Newhard; Matthew Hilliard - Students for Sensible Drug Policy; Jessica Henderson - Student Economics Association; Ross Johnson - WWU Stage Combat; Michael Linden - Western Writers United

MOTIONS

AC-13-S-01	Approve to recognize La Mesa De Español as an official AS Ethnic and Cultural club. - Passed
AC-13-S-02	Approve to recognize Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics Graduate Research Program as an official AS Academic/Departmental Club. - Passed
AC-13-S-03	Approve the International Business Club name change to International Business Network. - Passed
AC-13-S-04	Approve \$150 in the form of a grant for the Students for Sensible Drug Policy from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed
AC-13-S-05	Approve to suspend the Rules of Operation to make Student Economics Association to an immediate action item. - Passed
AC-13-S-06	Approve \$1,275 (\$655 from Club Conferences account and \$620 from Academic Conferences account) for the Student Economics Association for their conference in May. - Passed
AC-13-S-07	Approve \$600 in the form of a grant for WWU Stage to purchase prop swords from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed
AC-13-S-08	Approve \$100 in the form of a bookstore donation for the ACC Heritage Dinner. - Passed
AC-13-S-09	Approve \$100 dollars in the form of a grant for Western Writers United from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. - Passed

Carly Roberts, AS Vice President for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes have been tabled.

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

International Business Club is already a recognized club, they are here to change their club name. The Harry Potter Club will be moved to Action Item E.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Taylor reported the account balances.

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

A. La Mesa Del Español

Josh Johnson is one of two presidents of this club. He said the objective is to make a safe space to practice Spanish. They feel that in classes students don't practice enough. Carly Roberts asked what Spanish culture will they be focusing on. Johnson said both South America and Spain. They have 3 Mexican students, and a student from

Venezuela, so it's a diverse group of Spanish speakers. Tyson asked how many members they have. Johnson said it varies. He said they have around maybe 14 people. He said they always see new people, but there's always a regular 6-7. Tyson asked if they've considered being a departmental club. Johnson asked for an explanation. Tyson said that if it's relevant to their club, they could be sponsored. Johnson said that he would like that. He said in the past they were funded by the head of the Spanish department, but they lost that connection. Casey Hayden said it's a judgment that the club wants to make, but they can change that later on. He said that it's easier for students to find their club if they were listed under a department. He said they can change it now, or later. Hayden asked about the spelling, since it is different on the agenda. He said he would prefer the spelling that is on their registration request.

MOTIONAC-13-S-01 by Jake-Jake Velasco

Approve to recognize Ta Mesa Del Español as an official AS Ethnic and Cultural club.

Second: Kasey Koenig Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

B. Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics Graduate Research Organization

Jenna Brooks is the standing president. Their goal is to focus on interdepartmental students between sciences and hold a conference at the end of the year. They held one to highlight all the research happening at Western in the past. They would like to become a club so that they can do it again this year, and provide undergraduates the opportunity to get into labs, which is hard. And it would also connect them to great resources. Nam Siu said the main reason is the whole networking factor. She said there isn't good communication and networking among the department. Savannah Roberts asked what the difference is between STEM and SMATE. Brooks said that SMATE is education based, and STEM is more research based. Tyson asked how many members their club has. Brooks said it's fuzzy. They have 85 people on their email list. When they have meetings, about 25 people show up. It's based on availability and who can meet, which is on Thursday every week. Heetbrink asked if they have a connection with the Woodring Program. Brooks said that a lot of people turn out to the actual conference, but skim by the meetings.

MOTION AC-13-S-02 by Kasey Koenig

Approve to recognize Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics Graduate Research Program as an official AS Academic/Departmental Club.

Second: Morgan Heetbrink

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. International Business Club (name change)

Chris De Castro said they would like to change their name. He said they provide networking opportunities for club members to learn about international business. They have guest speakers every week from Boeing, Amazon, etc. about different ways they can network. They want to change the name because there's a lot of confusion.

They're changing it to the International Business Network. He said it sounds more professional and they have also been promoting it this way for the past two years. He said they have a Facebook and another website set up with this name, so it would be less confusing for potential club members.

MOTIONAC-13-S-03 by Carly Roberts

Approve the International Business Club name change to International Business Network.

Second: Savannah Roberts

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Theistic Thinkers

Alexander Newhard is the budget authority for this club. This club is about rational discussion on theistic thinking. They want to bring a speaker in May to bring people to the club. Dean Zimmerman is a philosopher of religion and is interested in coming. They would have him in Arntzen Hall, room 100, and they know many will attend. They have been looking at another source of funding, too. Their faculty advisor has been in touch to fund them; they've raised \$100 from a bake sale, and \$100 from the philosophy club. Carly Roberts asked what it'll be about. Newhard said he'll talk about faith and reason which will be interesting for students to hear. He'll be visiting lectures to talk about that, too. Carly Roberts asked if they'll be pursuing funds from the Cold Beverage Contract (CBC). Newhard said yes. Casey Hayden asked how much will they be receiving from CBC. Newhard said he's not sure. Koenig asked if they have communicated with the Philosophy Club because they also have an event, too. Newhard said that they have this event a week after the Philosophy Club has theirs. Heetbrink asked if they are going to do more fundraisers. Newhard said yes. Carly Roberts asked if they can come with the amount they are requesting from CBC next week. She said if they get that in tonight, they can get into a meeting for this week's CBC meeting maybe. Casey Hayden said that there's an overlap with the philosophy club. Newhard said he doesn't want to be limited to just serving the Philosophy Club, they want to be an interdisciplinary club. Carly Roberts said they will be bringing in a speaker this week who will be presenting a lecture on being good without God and if they were aware of that. Newhard said yes. Hayden asked if it's aimed for other students, faculty, and staff, too. Newhard said they may do some off campus promotion, but this event will mostly serve for those at Western. Carly Roberts asked if they have room reservations for Arntzen Hall. Newhard said yes.

B. Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Matthew Hilliard said their funding request is for an educational documentary about meth/marijuana users and their struggles of persecution by government. This documentary is focused on one case study of a father who is a meth/marijuana user in Montana. He has a circumstance of validating his use by physicians. He is still able, so he can grow for others. He saw the trailer and it was very riveting. It's how he brought local enforcement, the Mayor, and many others in so they can see that he's doing everything supervised and following regulations. Government officials then come in and destroy the whole operation, he gets ten years in federal prison, and his son is placed in foster care. The documentary does a good job covering one of many instances of prosecution. This doesn't just happen in Montana, but also across the nation. Carly Roberts asked if the purpose is to tie in discussion about our state, or would they just be showing the documentary. Hilliard said yes, they will have discussion about how this is related to medical use persecution in Washington State, and how we can develop a society that understands recreational and medical marijuana laws and how to separate the two. He said he will be coming up with a list of topics, too. Savannah Roberts asked if he knows where in Montana, because she's from there. Hilliard said that no, but it's a small town. Heetbrink asked if there are other offices co-sponsoring. Hilliard said they're going to talk to the Tibertarian Club if they want to help since they've wanted to do something with their club for a quarter now. Heetbrink said that it would be a good idea if someone from the legal information center can also be contacted to help with discussion. Hilliard agreed and said he knows someone for that office he can get in contact with. Casey Hayden asked about the numbers for the budgeting, since they're off by \$100. Hilliard said the film rights are \$200, and publicity would be only \$100. Carly Roberts asked if it's permanent rights to the documentary. Hilliard said no, the permanent rights are \$350. Carly Roberts asked Hayden if AS offices can use the video if they were to purchase the film rights permanently. Hayden said yes. Carly Roberts asked Hayden if there is a plan in place

where they can keep their permanent right films in a type of library, so they can all stay together. Kasey Koenig said that they currently have the permanent rights for Tap, which was purchased for the Students for Sustainable Water club. Carly Roberts said designating an area for all of their films is a good idea, so they can keep track of everything.

MOTION AC-13-S-04 by Kasey Koenig

Approve \$150 in the form of a grant for the Students for Sensible Drug Policy from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Carly Roberts

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. Student Economics Association

Jessica Henderson said they have a conference in May. They are requesting funds for registration fees. She said their conference is two days, and they'll have the opportunity to sit in lectures. They'll basically be discussing anything anyone would like to know about economics. They'll be doing this with the International Business Network. This conference specializes in Canada and in the states. She said this is a great networking opportunity. It's very broad and those who attend take a lot from it. She said regional business leaders, economists and scientists will be there so their members will have first-hand interactions. She said they will also bring everything they learn back to the clubs, and this way they can bring back information back to university. Carly Roberts asked what the class distribution is in their club. Henderson said they have 2-3 sophomores and the rest are juniors and seniors. She said many students don't find out about this club until later on. She said it applies to helping with getting people into the work force after graduating. Carly Roberts looked at the budget sheet and said it's \$80 per person for 12 people. Henderson said yes and also said April 15th is the deadline to register. She said it would be greatly appreciated if this could be an immediate action item today. She said that registration goes up about \$45 a day after April 15, but that was for non-students. Hayden asked if this is for both clubs and their members. Henderson said yes. Hayden said if the members are part of both clubs. She said the meetings are on different days, so they can go to both if they would like to attend both Student Economics Association and International Business Network. Hayden asked if they have any departmental funds. Henderson said that from the economics department they will be receiving \$500. But the rest isn't locked in yet. Hayden asked if they're directly paying for hotel from their funds. Henderson said yes. Hayden said that since the Economics Department is putting them through travel status, then they don't have to go through our Associated Students (AS) training, too. But the AS does need a copy so that they don't have to do it twice. Hayden said when they have that much departmental support; it's easier just to give the department the funds. Carly Roberts asked if this is determined administratively, or through the council. Casey Hayden said the administration would deal with it. Hayden said if the money is transferred to the department, it would be easy to meet their deadline. Regardless, it's easy because they don't have to do the paperwork for travel. Kasey Koenig said that this is on Monday. Carly Roberts said it's a large request, but looking at it per person, it would be fine if they made a motion today. The council discussed what accounts they would want this to come from. Koenig asked if anyone has heard if the Marine Technology club was coming to Activities Council because looking back at their history, they normally come in with a big funding request, and it would be nice to know so they can look ahead. The council was not sure. Carly Roberts said if things come up, they have so much in their Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account, that they can do it.

MOTION AC-13-S-05 by Carly Roberts

Approve to suspend the Rules of Operations to make Student Economics Association to an immediate action item.

Second: Morgan Heetbrink

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

MOTION AC-13-S-06 by Savannah Roberts

Approve \$1,275 (\$655 from Club Conferences account and \$620 from Academic Conferences account) for the Student Economics Association for their conference in May.

Second: Jarred Tyson

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWU Stage

Ross Johnson said they just became a club last quarter. They are trying to get a hold of prop swords so they can start working with them. They are currently working with hand holds. They want to offer the members of their club the knowledge and experience of safety precautions in production. They're requesting for swords, maintenance, and equipment. Carly Roberts asked about the gloves or if they're no longer ordering them. Johnson said he's not sure. Heetbrink said that she remembers that gloves were necessary. Johnson said without gloves, they can damage the swords. Carly Roberts asked where they would be stored. There is a storage box made for theater department which is full. Johnson said that the president was talking about that. He said has talked to Hayden about that, and they could be stored in closet. Hayden said that maybe because the locking up of the swords is sensitive, the theater place is better because they have a bolt lock. He said they eventually want to get a lock box, which can only be accessed by club representatives. Hayden said that should be in writing so they can keep it on file. Tyson said they had to talk to university police about the swords. He said they're not real weapons, but they appear to be. Hayden said that he would like to be present when they decide where the swords will be held.

MOTION AC-13-W-07 by Heetbrink

Approve \$600 in the form of a grant for WWU Stage to purchase prop swords from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

Second: Carly Roberts

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

B. Harry Potter Club

Absent

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATIONS

A. African Caribbean Club

Carly Roberts said they only have \$175 left in the AS Bookstore Accounts. Hayden then pulled both requests for today so they can see how much both clubs are asking for. ACC is asking for \$100. It is for their heritage dinner, where 250-300 people will be expected to attend. Carly Roberts said this is a solid request. The council agreed.

MOTION AC-13-S-08 by Kasey Koenig

Approve \$100 in the form of a bookstore donation for the ACC Heritage Dinner.

Second: Jake Jake Velasco

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

B. Western Writers United

Koenig said we granted them the money, but because it's from the bookstore, then they can't do it any other way. Michael Linden said they're requesting only \$100. They requested funds from the English department but they never got back to them. But they have a lot going on so it's understandable. He said that they were going to donate \$200 for magnets. He initially was going to get half from the AS and half from the English department. He said it's for 20 sets of magnets. Carly Roberts said since they're running low on bookstore donations, she said if they can edit the old document so that they can turn it into a . Hayden said it would be

simpler. He said there is a small discount if they were to go through the bookstore. Hayden said it can still happen. Carly Roberts said she would feel comfortable from taking it from the grants, loans, and underwrites account. She asked Hayden if that would work. Hayden said they can make a motion, and can reflect it for record keeping. Linden said the project will be displayed May 18th outside of library. After that, it'll be taken to other places. He asked since it's all a \$200 grant, they have ordered the magnets so they can be on time. Hayden said their budget authority would work with Franks to get that worked out. He said that the Bookstore Account isn't from the AS, that it is funds set aside from the bookstore that is given to Activities Council to allocate. Linden said they're using super glue to make the magnets stick and are using a Cherokee so the car has a lot of surface. Heetbrink said that they could grant the full \$170 tonight, and that clubs could potentially come in and get a grant and take that to the bookstore to still make purchases. Carly Roberts that could be difficult because they don't normally know exactly what they're purchasing. She said this case was easy because they knew exactly what they were buying, but in other cases they don't know. The council then decided on making this request a grant of \$100 for magnets.

MOTIONAC-13-S-09 by Savannah Roberts

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

Second: Jake Jake Velasco

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Hayden said he didn't want to single anyone out, but for a solid 3 years they have had talks about inclusive language. He said they should stay away from using phrases like "you guys". He said the AS as a whole is trying to work on this, too. He said that members are encouraged to get out of the habit. He said it's because not everyone identifies with male identification.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:10 P.M.