

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

Monday, October 14, 2013 VU 462 B

Present: Jarred Tyson, Kasey Koenig, Taylor Ashley Weyers, Katrina Haffher, Kevin Yen, Mason Thaut, Matthew Hilliard, Samuel Weaver, Nicole Carroll

Advisors!: Casey Hayden

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

Guests!: Kevin Canda -Sini-GANG, Eric Chiu -WWU Boxing Club, Molly Bocian and Tasha Sorensen -Harry Potter Club, Abby Schmidt -WWU Quidditch, Ami Hanna -Dyking: Dykes who Hike and Everyone Else, Nathan Dryck -Philosophy Club, Kaleb Ode - Collegiate DECA

MOTIONS

AC-13-F-1	Approve recognition of Dyking Club - Passed
AC-13-F-2	Approve recognition of LEGOS - Passed
AC-13-F-3	Approve recognition of Sini-GANG - Passed
AC-13-F-4	Approve recognition of WWU Boxing Club - Passed
AC-13-F-5	Approve recognition of WWU Sociology Association - Passed
AC-13-F-6	Approve recognition of Team Free Will - Passed
AC-13-F-7	Approve recognition of Animal Rights Club - Passed
AC-13-F-8	Approve \$160 in the form of a grant for the WWU Quidditch from grants, loans and underwrites - Passed
AC-13-F-9	Approve \$450 in the form of Bookstore Donations for ResRap for gift cards for their event - Passed

Jarred Tyson, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

II. BUSINESS DIRECTOR' S REPORT

Taylor Franks reported that in grants, loans and underwrites there are \$31,775 and over the summer \$1,225 was used. Club conference funding has \$7,100 left and spent \$2,900 over the summer. Academic Conference funding has \$3,000 left and spent \$1,000 over the summer. Bookstore Donation requests has raised to \$3,500 and \$600 has been recently spent leaving \$2,900 in the fund.

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

A. Compassionate Cat Club

No one from the club was present, item moved to next meeting.

B. Dyking Club

Ami Hanna, the Vice President of the club said that the club is aimed at facilitating people of all genders identities and sexual orientation to come together to explore Bellingham by hiking. They used the word 'dyking' because they wanted the word to not be considered derogatory. Casey Hayden clarified that the club name can be revised to express the inclusivity that was mentioned in the mission statement. He said that the revised name can be Dyking: Dykes who Hike and everyone else. He said that until the name is approved he cannot edit the name. Hanna said that 25 people had been showing up to the meetings, and that is with 75 people signed up on their list

from Info Fair. She said that the club has been to Oyster Dome and Whatcom Falls and will be going on easier hikes in the future.

MOTION AC- 12-F-1 by Koenig

Approve to recognize Dyking: Dykes who Hike and everyone else as an official AS academic club.

Second: Franks Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

C. Bellingham Hula Hoopers

No one from the club was present, item moved to the next meeting.

D. LEGOS

The representative from LEGOS said that he wanted to bring the club to Western to bring students hands on things to play with. The club will get people to start networking and de-stress people. He said that there are two ideas for creating revenue for the club. The first one is to open up a place to the community for children to build, play and learn using LEGO pieces, allowing the parents to relax. He said that they could charge \$20 an hour. Another way for creating revenue is to hold an auction where guests can bid on buildings and displays that the club members have built. Since LEGO pieces are expensive nowadays, the club can come to Activities Council for funding. The club could also ask the people on campus or throughout the community to provide LEGO pieces. He said that he does not want to market the club to the whole campus, because there are not enough LEGO pieces for that many people to play with.

MOTION AC- 12-F-2 by Koenig

Approve to recognize LEGOS as an official AS club.

Second: Franks Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

E. Sini-GANG

Kevin Canda, Co-Director said Sini-GANG is a dance club for people with all experiences. Originally the club was a sub group from the Filipino American Student Association (FASA), but the dance group quickly out grew the sub-group. The club benefited more from FASA, than Sini-GANG benefitting FASA. They wanted to be their own club so that FASA can still flourish on their own. Sini-GANG has been a club at Western for 5 years. Open practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kevin said that the club will be a recreational group and performance group at the same time depending on if they are asked to do a performance. He said that at their first practice there were about 50 people. Jarred Tyson said that this a great opportunity for collaboration with other ESC clubs. Erica Manzano said that this is the best time for the transition so the club can collaborate with the ESC and other dance clubs. They have collaborated with Western Washington University Hip-Hop Association in the past. Canda said that the performances have been without pay and accept performances based the members' availability. No further questions or discussion was brought up.

MOTION AC-12-F-3 by Koenig

Approve to recognize Sini-GANG as an official AS club.

Second: Franks Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

F. WWU Boxing Club

Eric Chiu, President of WWU Boxing Club said that the club is for all people of all levels. Members are free to work out, come compete or improve their skills in the sport

of Boxing. Once approved, they want to join the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA). The club meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm. He said that currently they are meeting upstairs near the track at the Ree Center. Once the club gets funding and equipment they plan on moving to the outside track or rent out the one of the rooms at the Ree Center. He said that the club does not have any equipment yet, but they plan to. For example, sparring is optional and they do not allow any sparring without headgear and proper equipment. 80% of the members do not have any experience. He said that they are encouraging their members to bring their gear if possible but plan to have club gear to share as well. Tyson asks if the club would need any liability form if club would be approved. Casey says he have been contacting Eric about liability waver and he has already sent safety guidelines. No further questions were asked.

MOTIONAC-12-F-4 by Franks

Approve to recognize WWU Boxing Club as an official AS club.

Second: Thaut Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

G. WWU Sociology Association

Megan Schnupp said that there have been other Sociology clubs in the past but have faded out in the last couple of years. The club will put on events within the department that welcomes the social implications in the community and to solidify the department. She hopes that the club will open up with service learning careers. In the past the club has had 20 members, but they hope to expand this upcoming year. She said that the club has a lot of officers who are juniors in order to keep the club going and to pass the club down to younger members in the future.

MOTION AC-12-F-5 by Franks

Approve to recognize WWU Sociology Association as an official AS club.

Second: Carroll Vote: **9 - 0 - 1**

Actions: **PASSED**

H. Team Free Will

Ana Clark said that the club is for the TV show Supernatural. She said that the club will gather to watch or discuss the show. Max Duell said that the club is a great way for people to come together because the show is popular. Ana and Max agreed that they would want to collaborate with other clubs such as Dr. Who club. They have also been thinking about attending a convention in the spring. There are 35 members in the Facebook Group. No further questions were asked.

MOTIONAC-12-F-6 by Hilliards

Approve to recognize Team Free Will as an official AS club.

Second: Thaut Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

I. Animal Rights Club

Robin Fransen said that the club will be discussing and educating members about animal rights issues. Since the last Animal Rights club was strictly vegan with strong opinions, they wanted to be a broader club and ask members what they wanted to do. The club can make donations, have showings of movies and debates, go on field trips and have discussions. She said that the club has not thought about collaborating with other non-profits but would like to in the future. The club has not had their first meeting but there are currently 15-20 people interested in the club. Since the club was not able to advertise at the Info Fair, they plan on having flyers or putting together a Facebook page. Hayden said that the club will drop the WWU part of their name and

just go with Animal Rights Club and the club will be recognized in the Social Issues category. No further questions were asked.

MOTION AC-12-F-7 by Thaut

Approve to recognize Animal Rights Club as an official AS club.

Second: Franks Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions: **PASSED**

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Philosophy Club

Emily Beszhak said that the Philosophy Club is looking to hold a diversity panel in late November. They are flying out a couple Philosophers to talk about diversity in the world of academic philosophy. Since there are not a lot of diversity in the philosophy department, such as different ethnicities and sexual orientations they want to address this problem at the panel. The club hopes to broaden the idea that Philosophy is a field that people can come to for different perspectives. It will be a four person panel with two visiting philosophers and two faculties from the Western Philosophy department. The event will be open to the whole university but specifically for Philosophy students. The club is asking for \$1,200 to provide airfare, lodging and meals for the visiting Philosophers. She said that the club has not attempted to get funding from other sources. Tyson encourages the club to collaborate with the Philosophy department, ESC or ROP. In order to reach out to other people who do not identify as Philosophy students, the club will advertise the event as diversity in academia. Hayden encourages to request the reservations for the event soon in order to lock down a location. Beszhak said that there will only be two guest that the funding will go towards. No further questions or discussions were asked.

B. Harry Potter Club

Tasha Sorensen said the Yule Ball is a large event that the club has put on every year. Last year the club used all their money to pay for the whole event. The club wanted to ask AC to completely fund the event, as the club raises money for their own funds. Yule Ball is a free event in the MPR, open to everyone in the community, with food and refreshments and a costume contest. This year the club hopes to bring in a photo booth which will be the most expensive item of the event. The photo booth will cost over \$500, but the photo booth will not cost anything to the attendees. This year they hope to have around 300 people attending, which means they will need two security guards for the event. Koenig said that she will find out by Wednesday, if the Harry Potter Club has a club publicity package to see if there is a need to add on the \$60 for publicity. They are anticipating \$942.50 for the whole event.

C. WWU Collegiate DECA

McCall Schilling, Hanna Boucher and Tyler Dyer are the members who will be traveling to the Fall Leadership Academy in New York this year. Kaleb Ode said that the reason they want to send the three members to the conference because they have never sent anyone to this conference before, and it will benefit Hannah who will be running for a National Office position. The conference will be 4 days long. The total cost for sending the three members will be \$3,000, regardless if the members are going to pay out of pocket. He said that they want the AC to cover the registration fee which is \$435. Boucher said that they have set up a Gofundme account and will be posting it on LinkedIn. She has also been painting and will be putting her pieces on sale. At tomorrow's DECA

meeting they will be forming a fundraising committee. Both Hannah and McCall have placed 4th place overall and going to this event is crucial. The next two travels will be for State and National Competitions. Regionals will be in Bellingham, State Competition will be taking place in Seattle and Nationals will be in Washington D.C. Instead of asking for \$3,000 from AC, the club is now asking for \$500. Hayden said that this request will be for travel and he needs to work on the travel justification fee. Boucher said that the cutoff date for the Gofundme account is on November 10th. Ode said that by sending members to the conference, the campus will benefit positively since Hannah will be running for a National Office and since Tyler is a freshmen he will be able to bring back what he learns from the conference to new upcoming members. They can also bring back professional workshops on campus such as LinkedIn or Resume workshops. No further questions were asked.

V. ACTION ITEMS

WWU Quidditch

Abby Schmidt said that they originally requested \$200, but will be lowering the funds to \$160. Originally they were requesting money for their field however they will be asking for funding separately. The club will be hosting a tournament on November 23rd at the Whatcom Community College turf field. Eight other schools may be attending. The club is asking for general funding for supplies for Quidditch equipment that will not only be used for the tournament but for all practices and games throughout the year.

MOTION AC-12-F-8 by Franks

Moves to approve \$160 in the form of a grant for the WWU Quidditch from grants, loans and underwrites

Second: Thaut Vote: **10- 0-0**

Actions:**PASSED**

VI. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

ResRAP

Go for the Green Total Waste Reduction Challenge is an event where residence halls are competing for the most sustainable in a time period. Hayden said that this is their sixth year holding the event and will be having 150+participants in the residential hall. They are requesting \$500 for gift cards. This event brings all the residential halls together. By April last year, AS bookstore donation funds ran out of money. Koenig said that the average funding allocation to bookstores are \$100-\$200, however because of the history, we have given the event \$500 in the past years. Tyson said that because of the number of residents reached we should allocate between \$400-\$500. \$450 was awarded for the event.

MOTION AC-12-F-9 by Billiard

Approve a total of \$450 in the form of a Bookstore Donation Request for gift cards for their event.

Second: Koenig Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions:**PASSED**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Allocations

In addition to the agenda the following clubs were granted funding during the summer: Mountain Biking Club \$75, ASP for VU Late Night (Bookstore Donation) and ESC \$200 (Bookstore Donation)

Changes to Charge and Charter

The changes will be passed by the board next week. The AC will be authorized under the changes in the charge and charter. The AC will be authorizing AS Club name and statement of purpose changes, provide guidance, to requesting parties, the proper adherence of policies

and procedures, and connecting with proper resources on and off campus, provide guidance to align AS Clubs with the Associated Students Strategic Plan and Mission Statement, as necessary, place stipulations on the activities of the requesting AS Club.

Approval of Rules of Operations

Tyson said that once approved, if requests are for more than \$300 clubs will need to come back for multiple meetings. Another change is that all timelines are subject to the council. Koenig said that the AC will be encouraging clubs to bring back something to the campus when clubs go to a conference. Clubs strongly encourage to present an activity or presentation that they share to their club or the rest of campus. Franks suggests that the club should go back to AC to invite other clubs to the event. Tyson said that this change will only account for when clubs go to conferences not for travel. Katrina Haffner moves to table the rules of operations. Samuel Weaver seconds.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:47 P.M.