

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

Monday, October 28, 2013 VU 567

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: Walter Lutsch -Viking Radio Theatre, Adrienne Palay -Directioners of WWU, Mark Broyley - Science Communications Club, Tommy Crisp, Jackson Lee and F. Young -WWU Trail Club, Frederick Livingsten and Tai Moses -Western Homeless Outreach

**MOTIONS**

AC-13-F-22	Approve minutes from October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 <b>-Passed</b>
AC-13-F-23	Approve to recognize Directioners as an official AS Special Interest Club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-13-F-24	Approve to recognize Western Wilderness Trail Crops as an official AS environmental club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-13-F-25	Approve to recognize the Science Communication Club as an official AS academic department club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-13-F-26	Approve to recognize Viking Radio Theatre as an official AS Arts, Music and Dance club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-13-F-27	Approve \$200 in the form of a grant for the Western Homeless Outreach event 'Be Our Guest' from Grants, loans and underwrites <b>-Passed</b>

**Jarred Tyson, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION AC-13-F-22* by Tyson

Approve the Activities council minutes from Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 with the amendment and changes of the spelling of Mason Thaut's last name.

Second: Yen Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions:**PASSED**

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Jarred Tyson said that the Bham Hula Hoopers will be omitted from the agenda. Science Communication Club will be added as club recognition (f.) and Viking Radio Theatre Club will be added as club recognition (g.)

**III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Franks said that there is \$28,472.50 in grants, loans and underwrites. In the club conference account there is \$6,650 and \$3,000 in the academic conference account and \$2,450 in the Bookstore funds.

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

A. Bham Hula Hoopers

*OMITTED*

B. Directioners of Western Washington University

Adrienne Palay said that Directioners is a club is to show their appreciation for the band One Direction, their music and their personalities. The club is to create a sense of community for all the One Direction fans on campus. The club hopes to have weekly

meetings to show their appreciation for the band, to see what the band is up to and to celebrate album releases. She said that the club will keep it local and have no plans that would need funding. The largest means of recruitment is through social media, they are planning on making a Facebook page and Twitter to reach out to people on campus or table at Red Square. The club has six current members and hope to have as many people as possible depending on how many people come out. Tyson said that the Club Hub will help new clubs with different ways of recruitment.

***MOTION AC-13-F-23*** by Koenig

Approve to recognize Directioners as an official AS Special Interest Club

Second: Thaut Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **PASSED**

**C. Western Wilderness Trail Corps**

Jackson Tee said that the club will help extend efforts with the local community and do trail work in that way. He hopes to develop a club as well as a summer program that would allow students to go out into the wilderness area and do trail work. The club activities would be maintenance days at Tarabee State Park and have been working with the Arboretum Board for more activities. The club will also have trainings on how to conduct trail maintenance. The club has been in contact with Washington Trail Association, North Cascade National Park, City of Bellingham, Student Conservation Association, and Tarabee Park. The main function of the club is to make sure that students get the opportunity to go out and do trail work. The club will hold work parties as well as club meetings during the week to give members opportunities to learn if they cannot come to the work parties. They are in the works to develop a curriculum which will include the history of the North Cascades, survival skills as well as building a community within the club members. Another club that is similar to Western Wilderness Trail Corps is T.E.A.D. but their club will focus on maintenance.

***MOTION AC-13-F-24*** by Weaver

Approve to recognize Western Wilderness Trail Crops as an official AS environmental club.

Second: Weyers Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **PASSED**

**D. Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists**

Absent

**E. WWU Pokémon Teague**

Absent

**F. Science Communication Club**

Mark Broyly said that the Science Communication Club is in essence for students who want to their particular interest in the science field, whether it is Biology, Neuroscience, Chemistry or Physics, and combine it with journalism. One of the biggest problems is the distance between scientist and the general public. In science communication there are science writers and science presenters. The club will focus a lot on fostering the ability to present science in a way that it can be relatable and understandable to someone who is not an expert in science. The main goal is creating techniques of ways to do that. During the meetings they will be discussing science articles and do presentations with each other to get better at expressing these ideas. He said that he hopes to have at least 30 members by the end of the school year. He hopes to collaborate with Scientific Journal Club, Communications Club, Huxley's

Graduates, NeRDS, Psychology Club, Environmental Science Club and more. The club hopes to have outreach to the community, by going to high schools to talk about science. As for campus events, he said that he would want to get involved with TED Bellingham if that event happens again this year. The club has a lot of support from different advisors in the Science department.

***MOTION AC-13-F-25*** by Carroll

Approve to recognize the Science Communication Club as an official AS academic department club.

Second: Koenig Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **PASSED**

**G. Viking Radio Theatre**

Walter Lutsch said that the primary goal of the club is to maintain the production of Viking Radio Theatre Show. It will be a radio program on KUGS. He said that he is working with KUGS to figure out how the show will run. The show will be a radio theatre program, they hope to mostly dramatize scripts written from students and the community. They hope to fill the scripts with spots of actors from the theatre club. The club will also have script writing workshops, spit-balling sessions. They hope to bring in teachers from theatre and writing classes. The club hopes to help students who have an idea of a script to help them with developing it. Viking Radio Theatre has already had two auditions for the pilot program. There has been about 30 people who are interested in joining the club. The pilot program that will be aired sometimes this quarter, but will be aired regularly during winter quarter. Since the actors will only be coming in once or twice a month, they are still figuring out all the details with KUGS since the actors are not trained with the equipment. They will be asking other club to recruit actors and writers for the script. He said that he has done this type of show before in Seattle Pacific University. The standard format would be a 1 hour time slot with varying timed scripts. The club hopes to do a week long serial script if the club members have ideas. Casey Hayden said that the club can look for script ideas at the Sparks Museum since they put on Radio Theater programs as well. Lutsch said that if listeners are interested in downloading scripts, the club can email scripts, create a blog or post on OrgSync and Facebook page. Tyson said that the club should talk to the Club Hub members to talk about funding for the costs of printing scripts. Kasey Koenig said that they can work out how much money the club would need for copy and services or ways that the club can fundraise. She also said that Activities Council is a resource for funding. Hayden said that if the club is going to be printing on-going, they can create a copy code for the copier in the Viking Union.

***MOTION AC-13-F-26*** by Yen

Approve to recognize Viking Radio Theatre as an official AS Arts, Music and Dance club

Second: Thaut Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **PASSED**

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Western Homeless Outreach**

Fredrick Livingston said that the Western Homeless Outreach is asking for \$200 for publicity of their 'Be Our Guest' event. The Be Our Guest event happens every quarter at the Viking Union Commons which feeds about 200 people a year. The club pairs

people from downtown with students with extra meals. The club puts on the event every quarter and has been successful every time. The club has thought about doing it twice during spring quarter. He said that the event happens in the Viking Union is limited by the people who need guest meals not by the students who are giving the meals.

**MOTION AC-13-F-27** by Franks

Approve \$200 in the form of a grant for the Western Homeless Outreach event ‘Be Our Guest’ from Grants, loans and underwrites.

Second: Weaver

Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: PASSED

## VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

None

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tyson said that a lot of other AS committees are looking into using OrgSync, he was wondering how Activities Council members feel about it. Haffher said that she has used it and it was very useful, because all her members were part of the OrgSync page. Weaver appreciates only having to check limited portals, but likes reminders of the important details. Hayden said that he could send out an email reminder when he uploads new documents. Koenig and Tyson agreed that OrgSync can be useful for days that the council cannot meet up but still need to approve requests.

Hayden wanted to take five minutes about hypothetical situations for why the council would not approve clubs. Thaut asked if the council ever did not approve a club. Hayden said that some reasons why the council would not approve a club is if the club is not being inclusive or if there is a duplicate of another club. Koenig told the council to not feel scared about giving clubs less than what they requested because the clubs would have already met with her. Tyson proposed a hypothetical situation about a religious club forming called ‘Satan’s alternative’. Weyers said that the council could ask them to change their name or ask what types of activities they are holding. Tyson said that freedom of religious expression is something that the AS approves. Hayden said that if the club is going to sacrifice animals they must follow the rules and do it legally. He said that people sacrificing an animal versus a club sacrificing an animal are different. He said that clubs can use Western or WWU in the name of their club, but if they want to do so and use the AS’s money they will have a lot of strings attached along with it. Tyson reported that the Charge and Charter was passed last week, so everything that is in the Charge and Charter is now set in motion. He said to keep in mind the Charge and Charter when clubs are being recognized. Hayden said the council can change club’s name for clarity or inclusion. Tyson said that the Board of Directors can make the ultimate decision of the AS organization if a club’s name or club’s request is justifiable.

Since the Rules the Operation has been passed, the full circle effect is now set in motion. Tyson said that the agenda can be changed to have a time for clubs to talk about their conference experience to the council. Koenig said that not all members of a club go to conferences, so the members who do go can go back to their clubs and share their knowledge to the rest of the club or department.

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