

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

Monday, December 2, 2013 VU 567

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

Absent: Matthew Hilliard

Advisors: Casey Hayden

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

Guests: Erick Lovelace -Society of Economic Geologists, Benjamin Morgan -Swing Kids, Emily Anguiano -WWU Handball Club, Patricia Swanson -WWU SPE, Curtis Gehlhausen, Anthony F. Tse -WWU Stage Combat, Robin Thomas, Halee Sexton, Peter Dykes -WWU Whitewater Club

MOTIONS

AC-13-F-52	Approve WWU Whitewater club as an official AS club under recreational clubs - Passed
AC-13-F-53	Approve to suspend AC Bylaws and move this item to Action item C -Passed
AC-13-F-54	Approve \$750 in the form of a grants for the WWU Handball National Tournament from club conference - Passed
AC-13-F-55	Approve \$750 in the form of a grants for Swing Kids to attend Camp Jitterbug from club conference - Passed

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Approval of minutes for November 25th will be tabled to next quarter.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR' S REPORT

The graphs will show the money allocations of each agenda. Franks reported that in Grants Loans and Underwrites there is \$24,835. In Club Conference funding there is \$6,358. Academic Conference funding has \$2,320. Bookstore Donation funding has \$2,350

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

A. Western Washington University Whitewater Club

Robin Thomas reported that her and other people who have taken the Outdoor Center's Whitewater class want to start a club to further the community that was established during the class. The club will encompass whitewater rafting and whitewater kayaking. She said that the club will be going to various rivers in the area such as the Skagit and Nooksack Rivers or even go on longer trips depending on what the club members want to do. The club will publicize through posters on campus, putting a stand in Red Square, word of mouth, through Facebook and the Outdoors Center. She

said that some of the members are whitewater rafting instructors. Thomas reported that she talked to the University of Washington Kayaking club, and their club gets their liability insurances through the American canoe association. There is a membership fee, but it is relatively cheap. She said that the Activities Council funds would be spent on gear, public rafts and the excursions would be split within the members participating. Tyson suggests to go to the Club Hub for means of advertisement and brain storm any type of events or collaborations.

MOTION AC-13-F-52 by Thaut

Approve WWU Whitewater club as an official AS club under recreational clubs.

Second: Yen

Vote: 9- 0 -0

Actions:**PASSED**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Swing Kids

Benjamin Morgan said that the club is asking for funding from AC for Camp Jitterbug. Camp Jitterbug is a four day camp where they fly in instructors from all around the world to Seattle, to teach Swing Dance workshops. The camp is from May 29th-June 1st of next year. The funding will cover the entrance fee of five officers. The registration fee from last year was \$169 per person for the first 100 attendees, and each additional person will cost more and after 100 people register, the registration price will go up by \$20. Registration will start in January. Koenig said that the request would not be seen again until the next meeting on January 13th and by that time there would probably be more than 100 people registered by then and the registration price would increase. Tyson suggested that the council could suspend the rules of operation. Morgan reported that after 500 people register, the price will no longer increase by \$20 but people can still register. He said that the maximum price that a member would pay is \$269 per person. Morgan reported that the club will pay for everything, such as boarding and transportation except for the registration amount. Hayden said it would be important to know if the five people attending the camp will be graduating. He suggests thinking about whether or not to fund students who are graduating at the same level for students who would be returning. Tyson reported that AC incorporates the ‘full circle effect’ and to bring back what a club has learned from their conference to their club.

MOTION AC-13-F-53 by Tyson

Approve to suspend AC Bylaws and move this item to Action item C

Second: Thaut

Vote: 9- 0 -0

Actions:**PASSED**

A. WWU Society for Photographic Education

Patricia Swanson reported that the club brings students together that have a passion and interest in photography. There is a regional SPE conference in Seattle during November and a national SPE conference in Baltimore, from

March 6th-9th. The club is hoping to have approximately 12 students go. The club wants to go to New York, since it is very close to where the conference is and their professor has a friend who will give a tour of the photography department where he works. The club will also be going to the International Center of Photography, which has the most important collection of photography in the world. She reported that to have all that happen, the budget for the trip is \$14,000. She said that the conference is the most important part of the trip, and if the rest of the trip is too expensive it could be dropped. The conference is a big networking opportunity with a big grouping of professional artists, educators and scouts for graduate schools. The conference consists of a three day period of lectures, seminar and panels. The students can review different professional artists. Another aspect of the conference is a portfolio review opportunity. Students can get their portfolios reviewed by up to three professionals and they will be given constructive criticism on what the students is doing well, what they can work and different ideas for the future. Swanson reported that a past student has received a full ride to a graduate school by attending the national conference. Franks reported that last year, AC gave the club \$2,000 for their national conference. If AC decides to only fund the conference the costs would only be for airfare and transportation. Swanson reported that boarding and registration fee is already being covered by the Dean of the College of Performing Arts. The club hopes that AC can fund \$100-\$ 150 per student. The club has already have three fundraisers and hopes to have at least four more next quarter. The club is also doing a project with Woods to put art in their stores. They hope to work with the Pickford Theatre to do a project with them. The club is not looking for the AC to fund all of the costs. Koenig said that AC cannot fund food and Hayden reported that stipends are no longer used in AC. Hayden reported that there are two options; AC can fund a portion of the people's plane ticket and the give partial reimbursement. Another option is for AC to transfer the funds that AC gives as well as the club's funds in their club account to the department and the department can reimburse other costs. He said that if a club is tightly connected with a department there are more options. Hayden said that AC cannot fund retroactively. Swanson reported that the club has not bought anything for the conference. Franks said that AC has spent more money in club and academic conference than in the past two years and there is only 64% of funding left in club conference. She feels that the AC should be aware of how much they are giving out to clubs. Swanson reported that with three events, the club has fundraised \$2,000. She said the first thing that the club would need to purchase is the registration fees for the conference that will need to be taken care of in January. Registration is already open but there is no deadline. Hayden feels that AC will fund a small drop of what the overall price of the trip will be. Tyson said that this request is an info item and will be brought back next quarter. Hayden said that if the club buys their ticket during winter break AC cannot fund their plane ticket.

B. Society of Economic Geologists

Erik Lovelace said that the club is asking for funding for two hotel rooms for

two nights and a little transportation funds to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia for a conference. The conference is called the Association for Mineral Exploration Roundup. It is one of the biggest conferences that focuses on mineral exploration. The conference is from Monday-Wednesday, and the club is trying to get students go to the conference that Monday. The club wants to have a hotel room for the students who will be attending the Monday conference date. There will also be a short course that takes place on Saturday January 25th, 2014. The short course will be an eight hour presentation on how to get a job. Lovelace reported that there are at least four people who will be going to the Monday event. Students will be covering their own registration fee and will use their own cars for travel. He said that there will be five to ten people that will be attending the Monday conference and will stay for just one night, and three to six people attending the short course event on Sunday and will be staying for two nights. Tyson feels that it is important to know how many people will be attending the conference. Lovelace feels that if the club members do not register for the conference by December 20th, they will most likely not attend the conference because the registration price will increase. He said that the registration price is \$25 and another \$30 to attend a short course. Hayden said that if AC funds hotel costs, there is no rush in getting the funding. The funding for the hotel room can be close to the event date. Suspending the bylaws is unnecessary for this funding. Koenig said that if ten people will be attending the conference, AC would be funding \$87 per person.

C. WWU Stage Combat Club

Curtis Gehihausen said that the club is asking for funding to bring in a certified trainer from the Society of American Light Directors to practice stage combat for their members. It will give an opportunity for Western Washington University students especially in the Theatre Department to add working with a certified trainer to their resume. The costs for having the trainer present a four hour workshop is \$650 for a performer fee, \$50 for food, \$50 for transportation from Seattle and \$50 for other materials. The club is working with the Theatre Department to find more funding, however the chair of the department said to talk to the AS first. Gehihausen said that he talked to the trainer and other people from the Society of American Light Directors to come to a conclusion about the \$650 performance fee. He said that the performance fee in Washington is cheaper than other places. Workshop performance fees can be up to \$1,000 in other places. He said the cost also depends on their specialty. The trainer that they are bringing has a specialty in stage combat. He said that he has talked to other people who have worked with the trainer in the past, and he said that the trainer is giving their club a little bit of a discount for the price. The club is bringing in the trainer to give students the opportunity to put it on their resume. He said that there is not certification with working with the trainer because there are a lot of other requirements, such as having 30 hours of practicing each discipline. He said that club would not be able to have students be certified because it would be a lot more expensive. He said that this workshop is a way to figure out how many members are interested and give the students opportunities to

put working with this trainer on their resume before they go off and audition somewhere else, like Seattle. It is a way for the students to be set apart from other individuals that do not have the same training as they do. He said that the trainer could potentially come back and be the one to train the club members. He said that under the Association of American Fight Directors requirements, the workshop with the trainer does not classify the students as being certified to teach but to be proficient in that specialty. Franks said if AC would follow the per diem rate, the cost would be \$35 instead of \$50. She reported that last year the club received \$600 for combat swords but did not spend it. Gehihausen said that the club was in the process of having combat swords produced. The club did not finish the process of getting the swords because it would have taken ten weeks to get the swords made and it was getting close to the end of the school year. The club was not yet recognized as a departmental club so there was not a safe space for the club to put the swords. He said that he is not confident that the club will be asking for funding for the swords this year. Gehihausen reported that the six people in the club will be attending the workshop and 15-20 people are interested that are not from the club. He said that he did not want to charge for the workshop because that would block the avenue for people who are interested. The club suggested putting on an exhibition for a fundraiser. He said that date of January 11th is not finalized yet. Hayden said that there needs to be a contract once the event is finalized. He said that the club wants to have a balance between the department and AC for asking for funding for future events such as a guest speaker. Koenig reported that when clubs ask for \$800 or more, that is the club's only request for that year. Hayden suggested to pick a date that is after January 13th so AC has enough time to allocate the funds.

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Absent

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. WWU Handball Club t\$ 1,5001,

Emily Anguiano reported that there are five people going to nationals which will be in Raughley, North Carolina this year. It is a four day tournament which the team will be representing WWU. The tournament will be a great way for the athletes to network with people across the country. The club will be planning on having a lead night after the tournament where members share their experiences of the tournament. Last year the club received 14th out of 50 schools in the nation. There was only three people competing last year. Anguiano reported that the other sponsors are waiting until AC allocates funds to the club to figure out how much they will donate. Franks reported that last meeting, AC was leaning on funding \$750 which would be \$150 per person and the rest of the sponsors can pay the rest of the funds. Koenig, Thaut and Tyson Dittoed. Tyson feels that he would be comfortable funding \$750 because it is consistent in what AC usually funds clubs. He reported that last year when AC would fund \$200-250 for certain funds, AC ran out of

money by mid spring.

MOTION AC-13-F-54 by Franks

Approve \$750 in the form of a grants for the WWU Handball National Tournament from club conference

Second: Koenig

Vote: 9- 0 -0

Actions: **PASSED**

B. Swing Kids

Benjamin Morgan reported that all five officers will be returning. He also mentioned that the officers are not the most experienced dancers compared to the past years. The officers want to go to the camp because they teach two classes every week and a workshop before every dance. He reported that there are between 100-150 club members attending the meetings each week. The officers plan to go to different workshops at the camp and come together to teach each other what they learned. Koenig feels that funding less than \$150 per person would be a reasonable because Seattle is not that far. Hayden said that there are two options for funding part of members' registration fees. One option is that they can deposit the difference into the club account and all registration will be paid out of the club account at one time. Or the other option would be to reimburse each member for their registration fees. Franks said that if the club would go with reimbursing the members, she would need to have the forms submitted by Thursday. Morgan said that if AC cannot fund the whole amount of registration for each officer, the officers would be paying out of pocket. Ashley Weyers suggested giving the whole amount of funding because there are over 100-150 people attending their meetings.

MOTION AC-13-F-55 by Koenig

Approve \$750 in the form of a grants for Swing Kids to attend Camp Jitterbug from club conference

Second: Thaut

Vote: 9- 0 -0

Actions: **PASSED**

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tyson reported that he had a first great quarter and is looking forward to the rest of the year.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:17 P.M.