

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

Monday, February 24th, 2014 VU 567

Present: Jarred Tyson, Kasey Koenig, Kaleb Ode, Ashley Weyers, Katrina Haffner, Edward Cuevas, Giselle Alcantar Soto Absent: Samuel Weaver, Taylor Franks, Nicole Carroll

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

Guest(s): Kylie Wagar, Jonathan Warren -Random Acts of Kindness Club, Michelle Dannehy -Students for Sustainable Water, Paul Hyan Park -Student Marketing Association, Alex Thon -WWU Kiteboarding, Jessica Dunn -Days for Girls at Western Washington University, Patrick Stickney -SLAP, Abby Schmidt -WWU Quidditch, Jake Foera -Stand Up Comedy Klub, Darioush Masourzadeh -AS Productions

MOTIONS

AC-14-W-39	Approve the minutes from February 10 th , 2014 -Passed
AC-14-W-40	Approve Days for Girls at Western Washington University as an official AS club - Passed
AC-14-W-41	Approve Random of Acts of Kindness as an official service AS club -Passed
AC-14-W-42	Approve \$900 in the form of a underwrite for Student Marketing Association with the stipulation of no more than \$60 per person from club conference -Denied
AC-14-W-43	Suspend the rules of operation and make Student Marketing Association an Action Item -Passed
AC-14-W-44	Approve \$900 in the form of a underwrite for Student Marketing Association with the stipulation of no more than \$60 per person from club conference -Passed
AC-14-W-45	Approve \$800 in the form of a grant for WWU Quidditch Tournament in Boise, Idaho from club conference -Passed
AC-14-W-46	Approve \$270 in the form of a grant for Student Labor Action Project's Campus Disorientation from grants, loans and underwrites -Passed
AC-14-W-47	Approve \$200 in the form of a grant for Students for Sustainable Water from grants loans and underwrites -Passed
AC-14-W-48	Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for South Asian Student Association's Heritage Dinner from bookstore donations -Passed

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AC-14-W-39 by Tyson

Approve the minutes from February 10th, 2014

Second: Koenig Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Casey Koenig said she would like to add Stand Up Comedy Klub as Information Item D requesting for \$1,000. Jarred Tyson said that since Information Item A and D are less than \$300, both items will be moved to Action Item B and C. Student Labor Action request will be moved to Action Item B and Students for Sustainable Water will be moved to Action Item C.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tyson welcomes Kaleb Ode as the new Vice Chair of Activities Council. He said that if he is sick or absent Ode will be chairing in his place. Ode reported that there is \$16,142 in grants, loans and underwrites, \$4,058 in club conference funding, \$0 in academic conference funding and \$1,700 in bookstore donation requests. Tyson asked to pull up the AC trends graph. Koenig said that AC is doing perfect with the GLU account. In the club conference account, Koenig said that it looks there is more money in the account but the council needs to take into consideration that there is \$0 in academic conference funding. Tyson said that bookstore donation funds still have money. Ode reported that he knows of organizations that will be asking for bookstore donation requests.

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

A. Western Students in Support of Days for Girls International

Jessica Dunn wanted to start the club because she is interning at Day for Girls International. It is an organization that promotes women's menstrual health in other parts of the country. If girls cannot take care of their own menstrual health each month, they will not be able to go to school which puts girls back socially and economically since girls would not be able to go into the work force. Dunn wants to start the club to spread awareness of these issues in Bellingham and Whatcom County. The club has five club members, however Dunn said she will be contacting other WWU students who are interested in working with the Days for Girls International organization but who have not had the opportunity to work with the organization since it is in Lynden. She said that there are no benefits that she is aware of for being part of the national Days for Girls International organization. The organization started in Lynden, WA. Dunn said the club does not have any ideas for events yet, she is hoping to get more ideas once the club is established. Koenig suggested visiting the Club Hub to help figure out some ideas and activities that the club could host in the future. Dunn said that she was planning on handing out flyers to get new club members. She also said that the current members are interested in handing out flyers and promoting the club to other students on campus. Gieselle Alcantar Soto reported that there is an event to celebrate National Women's Day on March 7th that can help promote the club. Soto believes that there is an opportunity for tabling at the event. Ode asked if the club is interested in applying for a publicity package in the spring. Dunn reported that she had no plans of applying the publicity package. Koenig said that the publicity package offers \$60 at the Publicity Center such as banners and posters. The club Hub is starting to hand out the packages on March 5th. A club member will need to attend a 45 minute information meeting on March 5th to learn how to use the publicity package. She said that if the club does not know yet if they are interested there are other opportunities to receive the package, however a club member would need to meet with a Club Hub staff. Tyson was concerned that the name of the club is too long and would be hard for students to find information on the club. Ode suggested Days for Girls at Western Washington University as an alternative club name. Dunn said that the club name can be changed to Day for Girls at Western Washington University. Tyson reported that if the club wants to change the name, someone from the club would need to go and talk to a Club Hub employee.

sponsorship, then the extra money will be returned back to AC. The club is interested in spreading awareness of marketing through the AC's newsletter. SMA recently joined the collegiate chapter of the AMA last year and is revamping the club. It is important for the students to go to the conference to see the potential that the club and the AMA organization can have on students. That way more students will be interested in joining the club therefore SMA can have a bigger presence on campus. Koenig is concerned about the timeline of the event. She said that registration is due on March 7th, however AC will not meet again until March 3rd which will give very little time to process the request. Park said that Franks feels that today will be the only day to receive funding for the event, even if the amount is small. He said that members will need to register and pay on March 7th for to receive an early bird registration amount. The club has all the information from the members to register for the conference along with the W numbers, in case the AC needs that information for AS purposes. Koenig is concerned about suspending the rules of operations for a large amount, especially since there will be more clubs asking for travel funding next week. Tyson reported that AC has options when it comes to funding. AC does not always need to fund a request as a grant, it can also be a loan or underwrites with stipulations. Ode asked if the club is planning on hosting other events in the future. Park said that there is a National conference held in New Orleans every year. However the travel price is about \$400-500 per student and the club has lacked student dedication. He hopes that the club can build up a core foundation of members this year so that the officers of the club next year can fundraise for the national conference. He also hopes to receive funding from the marketing department next year, because the club will be established by then. There is three annual conferences that the club tries to attend. The national conference offers a case competition, however the main purpose of the conference the networking experience. Parks reported that if the club does not apply for early registration, \$600+ would be needed to fund the conference and that amount is not with the tax increase. The club members will be willing to fund some of the registration price themselves if AC cannot fund the full amount. Parks calculated that if AC funds \$1,200 then the club members would only need to pay \$20 out of pocket and it will not deter the attendance rate and club members will value the conference even more. The conference is only one day and will not need any lodging. Parks said that the reason why the conference is so appealing is because there will be a lot of opportunities to network with professionals. There will only be about 40 students at the conference and the rest of the attendees will be professionals. Hayden wanted to remind the council that the out of pocket money for the attendees is very low considering that the event is only one day. Ode suggested contacting the coordinator for the conference to say that the club will be registering for the event but will not be able to pay for registration on time. Parks said he has not contacted the coordinator yet but will be willing to do so. Tyson suggested funding a loan of a particular amount for example, 50% of the funding will be on a loan base, Tyson asked if the department will be able to reimburse the club to pay off the loan. Parks feels that he cannot answer for the marketing department, however has said that depending on how fast AC can give funding, the club can do its best to fundraise for the loan. Koenig said that if AC does that, AC might as well grant half of the amount. She said that paying out of pocket is something to expect when clubs are travelling. Ode reported that clubs that ask for funding from the College of Business and Economics have much better chances receiving funding if the club is only asking for funding for one big event. Parks reported that if the club uses the club amount for the conference, the club will not be have any money for the rest of the year. Haffner feels that if AC funds the request is should be as a loan or underwrite. The request will be coming out of club conference. Alcantar Soto suggested funding \$1,050 which will gives students \$70 and the rest of the amount will be out of pocket. Tyson said that AC is looking at funding \$1,050 and \$750. Koenig suggested \$900 which would be right in the middle and each individual would be given \$60. Parks reported that the attendees list is not finalized, but once the request is approved he will email the attendees. The finalized attendees list will depend how much money the club members can pay out of pocket.

MOTION AC-14-W-42 by Koenig

Approve \$900 in the form of a underwrite for Student Marketing Association with the stipulation of no more than \$60 per person from club conference

Second: Weyers Vote: 0 - 6 - 0 Actions: Denied

MOTION AC-14-W-43 by Koenig

Suspend the rules of operation and make Student Marketing Association an Action Item

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 5 - 0 - 1 Actions: PASSED

MOTION AC-14-W-44 by Koenig

Approve \$900 in the form of a underwrite for Student Marketing Association with the stipulation of no more than \$60 per person from club conference

Second: Weyers Vote: 5 - 0 - 1 Actions: PASSED

C. Western Kite Boarding (\$1,928.34)

Alex Thon reported that the club has very limited equipment. The club only has two kites that fit one person each. Lately Thon has been teaching the members with the two kites and borrowing other kites from the kite shop which he works at. The kites came with leaks and the club fixed it, however the kites are falling apart again which is not safe. Thon said he has talked to the local shop to get equipment discounted. One of the equipment usually costs \$1,200-1,300 can be discounted to \$500. There is a deal on a board and the pads and straps will be free. A lot of the gear that will be purchased are not based on sizes therefore every student can use the gear. Last year the club had 5 members and now there is 50 members with an average of 10-15 members coming each meeting. Since there are only two kites the learning process is slowed down. Thon said that the current equipment is being stored at his apartment. He said that he has contacted the Outdoor Center with storing the new equipment. Ideally, he would like all the equipment being stored at the Outdoor Center therefore club members can go to the Outdoor Center and rent out the equipment. The local community that is located at Locus Beach is another potential location for equipment storage. He hopes after his departure from the club, that the club will be able to find donations from big companies. Thon said that he has been in contact with the Collegiate Kiteboarding Association in order to get the club established as a kiteboarding club school. He hopes for the club to become a member of the CKA. The current equipment was donated from a professional kite boarder. However the equipment was not the best quality. Hayden reported that the equipment that AS funds is property of the club and not the individual. Thon hopes that the members he is currently teaching will be able to teach future members of the club. His goal is to minimize the costs of students who are interested in kiteboarding. Koenig feels that she'd rather fund equipment even if it a large amount since it is for safety. She said that one club that received a total of \$1,800 last year, will not be asking for funding from AC this year. She feels that the price matches the request from WWU Kite Boarding Club and fits into AC's budget really well. Thon reported that if the equipment is taken care of, the boards and bars can last up to four to six years. There are members of the club that are able to fix and patch up the equipment.

D. Stand Up Comedy Klub (\$1,000)

Darioush Masourzadeh and Jake Foera hopes to bring in a famous comedian to the AS. The club and the office know which comedian they are bringing however they want to keep the information under wraps. The event is has been hosted for multiple years. Every year the person who won Last Comic Standing has the opportunity to open for the famous comedian. This year the Vice President of the club will be opening for the comedian. Masourzadeh and Foera will be hosting the event. The Stand Up Comedy Klub will also be tabling at the event and will have the name of the

club on the poster to receive recognition for the event. Tyson likes that the event is promoting Stand Up Comedy Klub as well as collaborates with other AS offices. Masourzadeh said that the event tries to be as inclusive as possible. The Stand Up Comedy Klub is still set on contributing \$1,000 for the event. The \$1,000 will help reduce ticket prices in order for there to be many attendees. Masourzadeh reported that last year's Nick Offerman show sold out in less than a week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWU Quidditch (\$800)

Abby Schmidt reported that WWU Quidditch is asking for \$800 to send 16 players to a tournament in Boise, Idaho. The funding will be used for a van rental and gas for the van and for the extra car. The funding request is still \$800 and the club is willing to fundraise if AC does not fund the total amount. The club has not been fundraising yet but will fundraise after AC approves the request. The club is not asking the members to spend any money except for food. WWU Quidditch asked for funding for a tournament that was held on campus at the beginning of the school year.

MOTION AC-14-W-45 by Cuevas

Approve \$800 in the form of a grant for WWU Quidditch Tournament in Boise, Idaho from club conference

Second: Weyers

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

B. Student Labor Action Project (\$270)

Patrick Stickney reported that the Student Labor Action Project is a local chapter of a national economic and social justice initiative. The club works on issues such as student debt and other campus and community issues. The Campus Disorientation event will be on March 3rd in MH 113. Each attendee will have a copy of the disorientation guide. The event will have presentations about different social justice issues on campus such as ethnic and racial issues in Whatcom County, issues with Aramark, the Board of Trustees and tuition. The event encourages students to be aware of the issues and to take a more active role in how decisions are made. The request is for printing. The club will be printing 307 black and white 4 page copies of the disorientation guide. The rest of the copies will be distributed during other tabling events. The request is also for \$60 of pizza. This is the first event that the club has put on campus. Stickney gave an estimate of 30 attendees. He said that each club member is assigned with a topic and the resources will be from local resources to make sure everything is factual. For example, the topic of history of ethnic and racial exclusion will be researched by a community organization, therefore people who are well versed in the topic will be writing about the information.

MOTION AC-14-W-46 by Weyers

Approve \$270 in the form of a grant for Student Labor Action Project's Campus Disorientation from grants, loans and underwrites

Second: Haffner Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. Students for Sustainable Water (\$200)

Michelle Dannehy said the club is asking for \$200 in order to get the rights to the film, Blue Gold. She talked to the director of the film and she said that he is willing to give the club the film rights only if the showing is not charging any fees. The film will be showing on March 5th. The club is doing their own funding for publicity. The club has already put in the publicity package request

and the poster design should be put up this week.

MOTION AC-14-W-47 by Alcantar Soto

Approve \$200 in the form of a grant for Students for Sustainable Water from grants loans and underwrites

Second: Haffner

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. South Asian Student Association (\$200)

The event has not asked for a bookstore donation in the past, however the event has been hosted in previous years. The event is on March 1st. Tyson reported that the bookstore donation fund has increased by \$500.

MOTION AC-14-W-48 by Weyers

Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for South Asian Student Association's Heritage Dinner from bookstore donations

Second: Koenig

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:32 P.M.