

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

Monday, March 3, 2014 VU 567

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

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

Guest(s): Darioush Masourzadeh -ASP Special Events, Jake Foerg -Stand Up Comedy Klub, Jenny Godwin, Emily Blessington -Students for Renewable Energy, Matthew Paige -Viking Radio Theatre, Jia Arshad, Donna Llewellyn, Aria Curtis -Cross Cultural Students Association, Alex Thon -Western Kite Boarding

MOTIONS

AC-14-W-49	Approve the minutes from February 24 th , 2014 -Passed
AC-14-W-50	Approve Cross Cultural Student Association as an official cultural/ethnic AS club - Passed
AC-14-W-51	Approve \$1,930 in the form of a grant for Western Kite Boarding equipment from grants, loans and underwrites -Passed
AC-14-W-52	Approve \$1,000 in the form of a grant for Stand Up Comedy Klub from grants, loans and underwrites to aid AS productions and to bring a comedian to campus -Passed
AC-14-W-53	Approve \$130 in the form of a grant for Viking Radio Theatre from grants loans and underwrites -Passed
AC-14-W-54	Approve \$150 in the form of bookstore donation for To Write Love on Her Arms from bookstore donations -Passed
AC-14-W-55	Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Thai Student Association and KhMer Student Association's Heritage Dinner from bookstore donations -Passed

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AC-14-W-49 by Tyson

Approve the minutes from February 24th, 2014

Second: Ode Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kaleb Ode reported that in the original agenda grants, loans and underwrites was charged \$900 that was supposed to come from club conference. Currently there is \$16,572 in grants, loans and underwrites, \$1,408 in club conference funding, \$0 in academic conference funding and \$1,500 in bookstore donation requests.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION *(Basic Funding if Indicated)***A. Cross Cultural Student Association**

Jia Arshad explained that the Cross Cultural Student Association will provide the opportunity for international students and non-international students to connect and to raise cultural awareness. Some potential events that the club would like to host is International Day, where there will be tables of different nationalities around Red Square to raise cultural awareness. Arshad reported that there is an International Cooking class on campus and would like to have that as a club activity. These activities will be able to build connections in the club. The club is planning a launch event, possibly during dead week on the sky bridge to help promote the club and bring in new members. The Cross Cultural Student Association started through the international student office, therefore the club has a foundation of ways to make different connections on campus. Currently the club has six or seven members. Tyson suggests collaborating with other clubs and sources. Donna Llewyn reported that the club is interested in working with some of the Ethnic Student Center clubs, through cultural sharing and helping empower marginalized groups.

MOTIONAC-14-W-50 by Koenig

Approve Cross Cultural Student Association as an official cultural/ethnic AS club

Second: Carroll Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

V. INFORMATION ITEMS**A. Western Kite Boarding (Travel) (\$600)**

Alex Thon reported that the Western Kite Boarding Club will be traveling to San Luis Obispo on a kiteboarding training trip. It will be a great experience for the club's newest members to ride and learn in warmer water at a safe locations. The club will also be meeting with the kiteboarding club from UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly. Western Kite Boarding will be driving down to San Luis Obispo and back which is 2,216 miles. The club will be renting two vehicles from Enterprise. The \$600 the club is requesting if to fund gas. Because of a recall on the 12 and 15 passenger vans the club may have to take 2 vehicles. The estimated trip per vehicle is \$300 for a total of \$600 for both vehicles for the entire trip. The winds in San Luis Obispo is a lot safer than the winds in Bellingham. Thon explained that the club works by having club members get down the basics in the fall, winter the club will be practicing snow kiting and in spring the members will be able to go in the water. By taking this trip, the members will be able to experience kiteboarding in a safe location and train with other kiteboarding clubs in the area. The location is a main spot for West Coast regionals. West Coast Regionals is hosted by the Collegiate Kiteboarding Association on April 18-21st Since kiteboarding is not recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the West Coast Regionals is a great way for students to compete. This trip will benefit the members who will be competing in the West Coast Regionals. Thon said that that he is not sure if the club will be asking for funding for regionals. Currently there is only one club member that is going to regionals. He said that he will probably pay for the trip out of pocket. Koenig reported that AC has not yet determined what classifies personal travel and club travel. She feels that it is not the same as the longboarding club since a web series was going to be made about the travel and would include that the trip was sponsored by Western Washington University. Ode asked if there are other locations nearby or cheaper that are safe to kite board. Thon said that there are places that members can kiteboard that are closer than San Luis Obispo, however in his opinion other locations are not that safe. The coast of Oregon is an option however it is very cold. San Francisco is another location that is closer, however it is very busy with a lot of boat traffic and is still very cold. Thon said that San Luis Obispo is a good location for new riders since there is not as much wind as in the coast of Oregon or San Francisco. Tyson asked if the club has looked into any sponsorships. Thon reported that he has contacted Disidual for a sponsorship but he has not

heard back yet. He said that the total budget for the trip including lodging and food is around \$2,000 for the 13 members that will be attending the trip. Carroll feels that kiteboarding club is an opportunity to learn how to kiteboard, and if it is not safe to practice in Bellingham then it is justifiable to fund this travel especially since the club is only asking to fund for gas. Koenig and Haffner ditto. Haffner feels that the trip is a good way for the club to network with other clubs and it will give Western a good name. Thon said that he hopes for WWU to be recognized as a kiteboarding school, that way people who are interested in kiteboarding can recognize that WWU has a kiteboarding opportunity. Thon reported that the club has a movie showing on April 24th. The club will receive 5% of the total ticket prices, with \$11 per ticket and 60-80 attendees. Hayden said that another way to think about the funding, is to look at the funding request as an activity or excursion that the group is organizing and fund to the request from GLUs as an event put on by the club. Hayden suggested to encourage more open sign ups and to publicize the event as an excursion planned by the kite boarding club. The event can also be used a promotion tool. By publicizing the trip as an activity or event it is similar to how the Outdoors Center hosts trips. Hayden reported that when it comes to recreational events, skill building is involved rather than the intellectual side, which is often seen in a lot of the other trips. Tyson agrees that the event should come out of GLUs. Ode said that AC might need to consider that the number of attendees as well as the cost might increase. Koenig said that a club going to a competition would make sense to fund out of club conference since it is an organized event. She feels that AC should not fund two travel trips for one club because AC generally has a precedents for not doing that. Thon said he does envision collaborating with the Outdoors Center. He reported that the club will be taking the equipment to the trip that the club is requesting for.

B. Students for Renewable Energy (\$650)

Jenny Godwin and Emily Blessington are representing Students for Renewable Energy a WWU Environmental club spearheading the 2014 Green Tie Gala on May 22nd. It will be the third year that the club is putting on the event. The event is a showcase of all of the great work environmental groups do on campus, and is catered by Students for Sustainable Food. Funds from the Green Tie Gala go towards continuing support for environmental efforts. There will be a guest speaker (TBD). This is a celebration of the academic year, a beautiful gluten/dairy/soy/nut free dinner. The requested funds will go toward the kitchen rental and health food permit. The food budget is estimated at \$5 a place which is standard from the past two years. The event is a celebration of all success the Environmental clubs have gotten throughout the year. Six to nine clubs that have been involved in the event. The event is an open invitation to underclassmen to learn more about the clubs. In the past, the event had tables of all the six to nine environmental clubs on campus. At the event, there is a time where a representative of each club has an opportunity to share an achievement. The event will be hosting a raffle. The club is anticipating over 100 attendees. The co-sponsorship from other groups are \$200 environmental center and \$385 from Residence Hall Advisory, both are pending. Other funding from the club are from bakes sales (\$240) and a raffle (\$100). Tyson reported that the environmental clubs have a meeting with all the presidents to share events and ideas. Hayden asked how the event's revenues will be distributed among the clubs. Godwin said that the event is indeed a fundraiser, and the club collectively decided that the revenues from the event will go towards next year's event. Hayden said that if the event revenues will go towards a benefit, there needs to be a benefit request form.

C. Chess Club (\$4003)

Buddy Scott said that the Chess Club is requesting \$400 that will be used to buy chess clocks. Clocks are standard equipment for serious chess players and are required for tournament play, which the club is currently planning. With the purchase of clocks, we will be more accessible to beginners and casual players, while at the same time increasing the professionalism of the club.

The club was just recently reinstated and is looking to find the equipment that the club had used in the past. Alcantar Soto said that her roommate was previously part of the club and has four clocks. She will hopefully have the clocks back at the end of this week. Scott said that the club is looking to buy five clocks, if the old clocks will not be returned. Currently the largest number of attendees at a meeting is ten people, and five clocks would be a sufficient amount for each attendee to play at the same time. He said that the club came up with the decision to purchase five clocks for a total amount of \$277 plus tax. Koenig said that \$300 worth of clocks would purchase five clocks at \$60 each. On Amazon, Koenig is finding digital and analog clocks for \$35 each. She does not want to fund more than \$35 per clock. Tyson said that if the club receives the old clocks from the previous member, the club will not need to purchase five new clocks. Scott agreed. Koenig and Haffner suggested presenting AC with the benefits of purchasing more expensive clocks rather than the cheaper \$35 clocks. Scott feels that the \$35 clocks are of adequate quality. However, there are other members of the club that want better quality clocks. Alcantar Soto suggested that the club comes up with the rest of the money to fund the more expensive clocks. Scott thinks that the decisions and ideas of the AC will influence the actions of the club. He is hoping for the club to host a tournament as a promotional tool and as a fundraiser. The current goal is to double membership. Alcantar Soto suggested to start planning the tournament and to try and receive a publicity package deal. Scott said that a club member is planning on attending the publicity package meeting. Koenig said that if the four clocks are distributed back, AC can definitely fund the fifth clock. Scott is concerned on how the club's equipment will be stored and monitored. Alcantar Soto said that the Activities Office does have a closet and have been trying to organize it. The Activities Office are working on keeping an inventory of every item that is in the closet and to document when and who it was last used by. Koenig reported that it is the club's member's responsibility to be in charge of the equipment because it is property of the AS and is not the property of a club member. Tyson said that he would like to see the old clocks returned to the club before AS funds additional clocks. Therefore the amount of funding AC wants to fund the clocks is tentative. The club meets on Tuesdays in the Viking Union at 7:30pm.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Western Kite Boarding (Equipment) (\$1,928.34)

Alex Thon reported that the club is expanding very quickly and the gear the club have is limited to only a few people. The current gear was donated used and has a lot of damage which is not very safe to use. Thon reported that the absolute necessary equipment to fund are the two kites, the 50 cm control bar and the 45 cm control bar. The board and strap are not essential but is nice to have a big enough board for windy days. Tyson is concerned about the legacy of the club especially since AC is allocating funding for equipment. Thon said that he has not found a prodigy yet. However, most of the members are freshman. Thon has a couple of more years and hopefully by then he will find someone to take over the club. He said that the lifespan of the equipment is 5-6 years for the kites, assuming that the kites will be used a couple of times a week. He said the first year, the kite would mostly be used on land and would not be used in the water too much. Thon said that he has been teaching the club members to treat the equipment carefully and to pack up the equipment appropriately. He has not contacted the Outdoors Center yet, however he envisions a sign-up sheet for the equipment. Thon said that he could find \$200 kites but they are used. The equipment that will be purchased is a lot less than the regular price. Alcantar Soto is comfortable will funding the full request because she also sees it as a safety issue if AC does not fund the full amount. Haffner ditto. Thon said that all the equipment that will be purchased is one size fits all and can benefit the whole club. Purchasing the equipment will also minimize the cost for club members by not having the members buy their own equipment, which can be extremely expensive. Thon said that the reason the form and the budget have different amounts is because

the \$1,928.34 request is including tax. Tyson said that he feels comfortable funding equipment that will last a long time, he is hoping when Thon graduates the club will still be successful and utilizing the equipment. He really encourages the club with creating a system with the Outdoors Center for equipment rental.

MOTION AC-14-W-51 by Alcantar Soto

Approve \$1,930 in the form of a grant for Western Kite Boarding equipment from grants, loans and underwrites

Second: Haffner

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

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

Darioush Masourzadeh and Jake Foerg said that the Stand Up Comedy Club and the AS is bringing a comedian to campus. The comedian will not be disclosed. The club wants to help out the AS by providing \$1,000 for the event to offset ticket prices, therefore increasing the amount of attendees. Last year the Nick Offerman show sold out the first day. Tyson reported that he could definitely vouch for the potential comedians who are relevant to the demographics of campus. The event was approved by the whole AS board. Koenig suggested on having AC watch videos of the comedians once the names are released. Masourzadeh said that Sasheer Zamara will be having a show on March 12th. Sasheer is Saturday Night Live's newest cast member and is the first African American female in the last six years on SNL. With Nick Offerman, there was about 600 students and 400 outside attendees (non-students). Masourzadeh said that there is a possibility to set a number of tickets for students and outside attendees to know that there is enough tickets for students. He said that if a comedian is routed for example, going on a tour in the area, the expenses would be cheaper than if a comedian would need to fly in for the event.

MOTION AC-14-W-5 2 by Koenig

Approve \$1,000 in the form of a grant for Stand Up Comedy Klub from grants, loans and underwrites to aid AS productions and to bring a comedian to campus.

Second: Carroll Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. Viking Radio Theatre (\$130)

Matthew Paige reported that the club is requesting \$130 for printing scripts for the Viking Radio Theatre Show. The club has talked to KUGS and will be having 30 minute episodes every month and podcasts every week. The request will also be for some office supplies for club meetings and a box with organizing folders for the scripts. The club will be making a scripts library to keep records of all the scripts. Koenig said that the club can keep the library in the Club Hub. The cost of printing scripts is \$72 (,15 a page). The folder box is \$15 and tape X3 costs \$5.37. Paige reported that there is 17 club members.

MOTION AC-14-W-53 by Alcantar Soto

Approve \$130 in the form of a grant for Viking Radio Theatre from grants loans and underwrites

Second: Weaver Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. To Write Love on Her Arms (\$150)

TWLOHA's Lyrics and Conversation is an Open Mic Night inviting students to share their stories/performances regarding depression, addiction, suicide, and/or self-injury, although their performances need not be related to the aforementioned. The event is on March 6th.

MOTION AC-14-W-54 by Koenig

Approve \$150 in the form of bookstore donation for To Write Love on Her Arms from bookstore donations

Second: Ode

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

B. Thai Student Association/KhMer Student Association (\$200)

For the first time, KhSA and TSA are having a joint heritage dinner to teach the community of Bellingham of the cultures of Cambodia and Thailand. The club is showcasing many performances which will be introduced throughout a skit. The skit will be about a Cambodian man and a Thai woman meeting on New Years day. New Years in Southeast Asia is huge and celebrated for a span of two weeks. The event is on April 5th. Last week AC allocated \$250 to SAS A's Heritage Dinner. Management Information System Association will be asking for bookstore donations for the club's event in order to have members register early. MEChA will be hosting the Low Rider Show and will be asking for a bookstore donation.

MOTION AC-14-W-55 by Ode

Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Thai Student Association and KhMer Student Association's Heritage Dinner from bookstore donations

Second: Koenig Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tyson considered AC members to run for the AS elections this spring. Members who are interested can pick up packets on Monday. Koenig reported that there is the AS Job Fair is tomorrow. Tyson said that AS candidates can apply for AS jobs as well. Ode said that ACDA has \$240 extra of a previous allocation that can potentially be brought back to AC. Three of the 17 attendees are volunteering at the conference and will not need funding for registration. The club would like to use the extra money for gas money for the trip. Haffer said that she is comfortable giving the extra money to the club because there is other expenses and there is a decent amount of money in the GLU's. Tyson reported that the Club Conference account usually depletes by the end of May. Hayden said that ACDA has nearly all of the conference expenses covered by other sponsors and food cannot be funded however gas is appropriate. Koenig feels that AC should take back all the money or nothing at all. Ode said that this situation can set the precedents for other clubs to over budget and keep the extra allocation. Alcantar-Soto said that since the club has received funding from other sources, AC should receive the money. Hayden said that the club will not be able to keep the extra money for next year.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:33 P.M.