

**Western Washington University Associated Students**  
**Activities Council Meeting**  
Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 VU 567

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

Advisors: Casey Hayden

Secretary: Sheridel De Vera

Guest(s): Juan Perez -Chess Club, Kari Clausen -Students for Renewable Energy, Lydia Love, Mariah Currey -Brassword Sorrows, Jasmine Nepburn -Sigma Delta Pi, Kayla Hall, Colton Dion, Noor Al-Tamimi -Psychology Club, Alex Thon -Western Kiteboarding, Nick Ohlweiler -Cosplay Coalition, Bonnie Fischnether, Khya Rice

**MOTIONS**

AC-14-W-56	Approve the minutes from March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014 <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-57	Approve SIGMA DELTA PI Capitulo Omega Xi de WWU as an official pre-professional and honorary AS club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-58	Approve Cosplay Coalition as an official recreational AS club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-59	Approve Somantics Club of WWU as an official academic AS club <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-60	Approve to suspend the rules of operation to make Info Item A to an Action Item - <b>Passed</b>
AC-14-W-61	Approve \$750 in the form of a underwrite for WWU Psychology's WPA Convention from club conference with the stipulation that no more than \$75 is spent per person - <b>Passed</b>
AC-14-W-62	Approve \$600 in the form of a grant for Western Kite Boarding travel from grants, loans and underwrites <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-63	Approve \$650 in the form of a grant for Students for Renewable Energy from grants, loans and underwrites <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-64	Approve to table Action Item C <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-65	Approve \$180 in the form of a grant for Brasswork Sorrows Student Liason from grants loans and underwrites <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-66	Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Hui O Hawai'i's Luau from bookstore donations <b>-Passed</b>

AC-14-W-67	Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Dead Parrots Society giveaways from bookstore donations <b>-Passed</b>
AC-14-W-68	Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for MISA's WISC event from bookstore donations <b>-Passed</b>

Jarred Tyson, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* AC-14-W-56 by Tyson

Approve the minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

**II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Giselle Alcantar Soto reported that SIGMA DELTA PI Captulo Omega Xi de WWU should be spelled as SIGMA DELTA PI Capítulo Omega Xi de WWU.

**III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Currently there is \$13,477 in grants, loans and underwrites, \$1,408 in club conference funding, \$0 in academic conference funding and \$1,150 in bookstore donation requests.

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

A. SIGMA DELTA PI Capítulo Omega Xi de WWU

Alcantar Soto said that Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, is a non-profit organization that recognizes high academic standards. To be recognized at the national level, members must be nominated by a professor. The club is open to any student. Everyone is able to participate in the club activities and events, however not every member can be part of the national organization. The Chapter at WWU is fairly new, therefore the club only has a vision of the activities that the club wants. These include participating in conferences such as one that is coming up called "Spanish matters". It will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup>-19 here at Western Washington University. Other activities the club has in mind are Film Screenings, Scholars Week booth, End of the year part/honor cord ceremony, Poetry "Cage-fight", Latino Student Union Heritage Dinner and collaborating with AS clubs, and organizing a book club in Hispanic literature, as well as tutoring on or off campus. Alcantar Soto said that there are other clubs on campus that focus on the Hispanic culture, but SIGMA DELTA PI Capítulo Omega Xi de WWU will be focusing on the academic aspect of Spanish. On campus there are 13 members and 6 active members. Koenig said that the club will not be a limited membership club. Anyone can be part of the club, however not anyone can be part of the club of the national organization. To increase official membership, the professors will nominate students every quarter instead of every year. Club members will also make announcements during certain classes of the Spanish Department to gain general membership. When students join the club as a general member, students will not be able to be part of the national organization if requirements are not met. In the constitution, there is a \$30 lifetime membership fee. The membership fee is optional.

Alcantar Soto said that it is unknown if the officers need to be part of the national organization. She said that she will discuss the topic with the rest of the club. In the national organization bylaws, it is implied that the members must be officially part of the national organization. Koenig said that it would change the stance on having the club be a limited membership organization. Hayden said that the idea of having a club not be recognized limited membership is for anyone to join the club. Alcantar Soto said that if she asked the members of the club, the members would be okay with letting anyone join the club and run for an officer position. She said if anything changes she will let AC know.

*MOTION AC-14-W-57* by Koenig

Approve SIGMA DELTA PI Capitulo Omega Xi de WWU as an official pre-professional and honorary AS club

Second: Weyers Vote: 5 - 0 - 2

Actions: PASSED

B. Cosplay Coalition

Nick Ohlweiler said that Cosplay Coalition is a learning opportunity for those who are interested in making costumes and props. He is hoping to get donations for costume material from costume companies without spending a lot of money. The Cosplay Coalition is an artistic outlet for those interested in costume and prop construction. The club will have helpful tutorials for those just starting in the craft and teaching opportunities for those who have experience in the art of costume and prop making. Ode asked if the club will be going to Emerald City Comi-Con. Ohlweiler said that the club is still getting established. He will be going on WWU's conventions facebook page to try and gain more membership. Other clubs such as Humans vs Zombies and Foul Play are interested in joining the club.

*MOTION AC-14-W-58* by Carroll

Approve Cosplay Coalition as an official recreational AS club

Second: Haffner Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. WWU Somatics Club

Khya Rice said that the purpose of the WWU Somatics Club is to create opportunities for students to engage in embodied, somatic awareness-building activities; to exchange ideas, review research, and actively dialogue about what it means to be embodied, physical beings; to attend community events featuring somatic educational experiences; to gain creative inspiration for ways to incorporate somatics in everyday lives; and as a means to inform, engage resources, and promote well-being. Somatics deals with issues of embodiment and how people engage in the world through senses and how it affects people's internal life. She said that 15 students interested in joining the club. Rice said that she will be contacting the eco-somatics club to gain more membership. Ode suggested working with the therapeutic recreational major. Haffner suggested changing the name of the club to Somantics Club of WWU. Rice agreed to change the name of the club.

*MOTIONAC-14-W-59* by Weyers

Approve Somantics Club of WWU as an official academic AS club

Second: Ode

Vote: 7-0-0

Actions: PASSED

## V. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. WWU Psychology Club (\$800)

Kayla Hall and Colton Dion said that the club is planning on attending the Western Psychological Association Convention in Portland, OR in late April. The club is planning on bringing 8-10 attendees to the conference. The conference will have information on the up and coming psychology research that is going on in the west coast. There will be one member presenting faculty research at the conference. The funding of the trip follows: Hotel: Three nights at approximately \$25/person/night (\$75 total/person). Transportation (gas): Approximately \$20/person. Convention Fee: \$65/person. Meals: \$20/person/day. The total cost to each student is expected to be approximately \$220. The club is requesting funding of \$100 per person for a total of \$800 for eight people. Koenig suggested moving the item to an action item since there is a limited amount of time to receive funding because of spring break. Ode suggested filling out the forms as soon as possible. Ode said that the club can turn in expenditure requests at any time, but he will not be able to approve the request until there are funds in the club account. This will benefit the Western community because we will be bringing back and sharing information on the newest up and coming research in the field of Psychology. This research can then be used as a basis for further research on the WWU campus. The club will also be bringing back information on what it takes to be able to present your own research at top conventions and conferences such as WPA. To fulfill the full circle effect, the club is planning a special meeting that will be open (and advertised) to the entire Psychology Department discussing some of the up and coming research presented at the convention as well as information on how to get involved with and present at future conventions. Hall reported that the only way to receive funding from the Departmental Related Activities Committee (DRAC) is if a club member is directly presenting at the conference. She hopes that attendees do not need to pay more than \$75 out of pocket (per person). Ode said that the budget allocates \$20/per/day for meals. Tyson said that AC generally does not fund meals. Hall said that the attendees will be paying for meals out of pocket. She also said that she is now sure if more than 8 people are attending the conference. Ode suggested funding \$750. Koenig recommends looking at past allocations to see if clubs did not use all the allocations given. Tyson suggested that if more members would like to attendee the conference, he encourages the club to fundraise the rest of the amount.

*MOTION AC- 14-W-60* by Koenig

Approve to suspend the rules of operation to make Info Item A to an Action Item

Second: Carroll Vote: 7-0-0

Actions: PASSED

*MOTIONAC-14-W-61* by Alcantar

Approve \$750 in the form of a underwrite for WWU Psychology's WPA Convention from club conference with the stipulation that no more than \$75 is spent per person

Second: Carroll Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Western Kite Boarding (Travel) (\$600)

Alex Thon said that the Western Kite Boarding Club will be driving down to San Luis Obispo and back, which is 2,216 miles. The club will be renting two vehicles from Enterprise and spend a week training and teaching new members in a consistent and safe location. The club is requesting funds from the AS Activity Council for gas. Because of a recall on the 12 and 15 passenger vans we may have to take 2 vehicles. The estimated trip per vehicle is \$300 so a total of \$600 for both vehicles the entire trip. The club will be paying as a club for the vehicles, which are \$309.28 per vehicle, food, and lodging. During the trip there will be a teaching clinic and mini competition with the kite boarders from Cal Poly and University of Santa Barbara. If AC funds the full request, club members will be paying \$116-\$150 per person out of pocket. Ode calculated the per diem rate to be \$1,240.69 (for one car). Hayden said that the per diem rate for the state is intended to include wear and tear on the car (oil change). For clubs, there are two options for the travel policy, the business travel rate and activity travel rate (which is a third of the business travel rate; about 18 cents per mile). Thon said that he used the AAA price calculator online to come up with the funding request amount. If gas is more than \$600, the club will end up paying the rest of the amount. The trip is 2,216 miles round trip. Ode said that the funding request is undershooting the full amount by roughly \$200. Carroll suggested funding the request using GLUs and seeing the travel as a necessary part of the club such as a safety training activity the club is hosting. Tyson suggested looking at last year's allocations to see if there are some clubs that will not be asking for funding this year. Koenig said that AC funds are right on track according to the trends. She recommends for the club to start fundraising for the trip next year if the club wants to make the trip an annual event. She feels that next year if there is a different council, the outcomes of funding the trip might not be the similar. Thon said that the club is hosting a fundraiser in April, however the fundraiser will only bring in \$30-60. That money will be going towards the \$300 membership fee for the national collegiate kiteboarding association.

*MOTION AC- 14-W-62* by Weyers

Approve \$600 in the form of a grant for Western Kite Boarding travel from grants, loans and underwrites

Second: Haffner

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

### B. Students for Renewable Energy (\$650)

Kari Clausen said that the 2014 Green Tie Gala on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (VU MPR) is an event for all the WWU Environmental clubs. 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). There will be a gluten/dairy/soy/nut free dinner. The requested funds will go toward the kitchen rental and health food permit. Tyson said that the amount requested is the same as last year.

*MOTION AC-14-W-63* by Koenig

Approve \$650 in the form of a grant for Students for Renewable Energy from grants, loans and underwrites

Second: Haffner Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. Chess Club (\$4003)

Juan Perez said that the Chess Club is not asking AC for any funding for equipment at the moment. He said that the previous Chess Club was a different club, with a different identity that had their own chess clocks. The chess clocks and chess pieces that were returned was not of good quality. He said that the club has core members who attend the meetings every Tuesdays. If the club does ask for funding from AC next quarter, the club will only be asking for one or two chess clocks and chess pieces that are of good quality. Perez feels that the current Chess Club should not be bound to the previous chess club and the older equipment. He would like for the equipment to be of good quality and requested for there to be a check out system to hold accountability if new equipment is purchased. Koenig said that AC needs to be good stewards of state funds. She said that there are \$33 chess clocks on Amazon. Koenig feels that AC should not use state funds to purchase equipment because of personal preference. She said that if club members want a certain preference, then it should come from the club members' pockets and not the state. Perez said that the chess players know what equipment is of best quality. He said that he knows a whole sale retailer 'Chess House' in Lynden with good quality equipment and can give discounts to the university. Ode said that he appreciates that the club identifies itself as a separate entity from the previous chess club. To clarify on the price checking, Ode said that it was no one's intention to decide for the club which product was preferable to a student or which product should be purchased. He said that process was to determine what an appropriate amount to fund for equipment was. Perez feels that \$60 is a reasonable amount. Perez said that he is not asking for any funding from AC to purchase any equipment for the Chess Club. He needs to figure out exactly what equipment should be purchased and at what cost. He said he does not want the Chess Club to be mis-represented. Hayden suggested on having the club work towards a goal of purchasing new and of high quality equipment. He also suggested for the club to fundraise to reach that goal. Alcantar Soto suggested that when the club asks for funding again, to have a set list of the items (and costs) that the club wants to purchase. Hayden feels that the club should be the lead on when to request for funds for new equipment and not withholding the club to a certain date to come to a conclusion.

*MOTION AC-14-W-64* by Tyson

Approve to table Action Item C

Second: Carroll Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

D. Brasswork Sorrows Student Liaison (\$180)

Lydia Love said that the club is requesting \$180 for the club's Masquerade Ball on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Viking Union 565. The Masquerade Ball is an annual event for our club where the normal club activities take place (role-playing as characters, storytelling, plot activities, and socializing) but it is also a formal ball. Formal attire is worn and there is food and music offered for eating and some dancing. This year the club wants a bigger

space for this to take place and some funds for setting up tables and chairs, food, and some decorations. This event always brings the club members closer together and sometimes sparks interest in new or interested students to join or check out our club. There is no cost for the venue however there is a fee for set up. The rest of the funding request will be going towards food, decorations and publicity. 20-25 club members attend the weekly games and for special events, the club usually budgets for 30 attendees. Half of the club members are Western students and the rest are alumni or Whatcom students. Hayden reported that 80% of the club membership needs to be students. He said that it can get unclear when it comes to the number of student attendees at an event. Tyson suggests reaching out to the campus when publicizing for the event.

*MOTIONAC-14-W-65* by Koenig

Approve \$180 in the form of a grant for Brasswork Sorrows Student Liasi on from grants loans and underwrites

Second: Weyers Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

## **VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST**

### **A. Hui' O Hawai'i (\$2003)**

The theme for this year's Hawai'i Club Annual Luau is, Stories of Hawai'i: Na Mo'olelo O Hawai'i. The event will be on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during Back to Bellingham weekend. The event will have music, hula dancing, authentic catering and a lot more. The bookstore donation will be for the silent auction for the audience to participate in. Tyson said that last year the club requested for \$75, however there was an increase in the bookstore donation budget. Koenig said that she thinks that the club received \$75 because the request was near the end of the year and there was not enough money left.

*MOTIONAC-14-W-66* by Carroll

Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Hui O Hawai'i's Luau from bookstore donations

Second: Haffner

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

### **B. Dead Parrots Society (\$100-\$200)**

Tyson said kudos for the club for receiving 4<sup>th</sup> at Nationals and for representing Western well. Ode said that the club's event good attendance, so the club will have no probably utilizing all the door prices. Koenig thinks that the club is planning on buying a lot of little things using the bookstore donation request to give out before, during and after the club's improvised comedy shows. Hayden said the club will also be giving out prizes to audience members, chosen by tweeting and follow @WWUDeadParrots or liking the club on Facebook or by random! Koenig said that the WWU bookstore will be thanked in front of the audience of 160-200 attendees. If all donated items are not given away in the course of a single event then they will be given away at the next event and so on till all donated items have been given away.

*MOTION AC- 14-W-67* by Weyers

Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for Dead Parrots Society giveaways from bookstore donations

Second: Haffner Vote: 7 - 0 - 0

Actions: PASSED

C. Management Information Systems (\$200)

Koenig said that the club is using the bookstore donation for an event that AC gave funding for. The event is the WISC event on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The club has had trouble in the past to get students to start registering early for the event. This caused problems for the club, because the club would not know how much to allocate for food. If students register early they will receive two tickets for a door prize. The door prize is an incentive for students to register early for the event. At the end of the night the club will draw names for the prizes. Everyone will have a chance to win these prizes. Koenig said that if AC funds bookstore donations like they are for MISA and Dead Parrots Society, she feels that more clubs will be using the account in different ways. Usually only the Ethnic Student Center clubs have been using the bookstore donation account, however she feels that there might be more creative ways that other clubs can use the funding.

*MOTIONAC-14-W-68* by Koenig

Approve \$200 in the form of bookstore donation for MISA's WISC event from bookstore donations

Second: Carroll Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Actions: PASSED

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tyson asked the AC representatives if other students want to join AC for the next quarter. He said that there has been a lot of discussion this year about finalizing travel funding requests. He said that this spring he wants to compile information on travel funding in the Rules of Operation. If anyone has any ideas to contribute, feel free to email Tyson and he will start compiling ideas. For the first meeting of next quarter, Tyson feels that AC should have a training session on the travel item and other items with pizza or snacks.

The next meeting will be on April 7th.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:29 P.M.**