

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 9th, 2015

Non-Voting Members: Casey Hayden (Student Activities Advisor)

Voting Members: Israel Rios (AS VP for Clubs), George Vadino (Club Representative), Anujin Ganbat (Club Representative), Alex LaVallee (AS Representative), Walter Lutsch (AS Club Coordinator), Ryan Roberts (AS Club Business Director), Nicole Carroll (Student at Large), Bryce Hammer (Student at Large), Erin Johnson (Student at Large), Nikola Bocko (Club Representative)

Absent: None

Guests: Taylor Raybould (of Western Aces), Tori Branchi (of Western Aces), Justine Mims (of Theistic Thinkers), Jay Lee (of Boxing Club), Canyon Braff (of WWU Yoga & Meditation Club), Elle Mckitrick (AS Environmental Center Coordinator), Anna Kemper (AS Environmental & Sustainability Programs Director)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

AC-15-F-33- Recognition of Western Aces as an official AS Club under the category of Social Issues. - **PASSED**

AC- 15-F-34- Recognition of WWU Yoga and Meditation Club as an official AS Club under the category of Recreational with the stipulation that the constitution was updated. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-35- Approval of the official name change of Theistic Thinkers to Philosophy of Religion. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-36- Approval of \$284.25 in the form of a grant to Boxing Club for the use of rental fees and supplies from Grants/Loans/and Underwrites. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-37- Tabling the request from Pre-Dental Club to be addressed during the next meeting of Activities Council. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-38- Approval of \$100 in funding for the Out in Science event with the stipulation that if the donation was not used by the time of the event the Donation would become invalid. - **PASSED**

Israel Rios, A.S. Vice President for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m. November 9th, 2015.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Rios asked for revisions. He said that since there were none the council would move on.

II. Business Director's Report

Roberts said that they had used about 78% of Grants/Loans/Underwrites and about 93% of the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

III. CLUB RECOGNITION

a. Western Aces

Tori Branchi expressed that she wanted to create a safe space for individuals who identified on the asexual spectrum. She also said that the club was not quite sure what they wanted to do yet. Rios asked how many students had shown interest. Branchi said that their Facebook page had fifteen followers. Ganbat asked for an outline of the activities the club had in mind. Branchi said that they wanted to have discussion of awareness and representation pertaining to the asexual community during their gatherings. She expressed that asexuals do not get enough representation. Carroll asked if they had any other ideas about what they wanted to do. Branchi said that the club wanted to be together as a common identity. Hammer said that this is a really great idea and asked if they had talked to the Queer Resource Center. Branchi said that they had not yet talked to the Queer Resource Center, but agreed that talking with them would be a good idea.

Motion AC-15-F-33 by Carroll

Moves to recognize Western Aces as an official AS Club under the category of Social Issues.

Seconded: LaVallee Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

b. WWU Yoga & Meditation

Canyon Braff said that he had been looking for a group on campus to practice Yoga with for free but had not found one. He said it would be beneficial to have a yoga class without charge and to alleviate stress that students have. He said that he also wanted the club to hold discussions and provide advice to one another meditation and also have similar discussions with the community. Carroll asked if there were different types of meditation they were going to focus on. Braff said yes and that he knew of several to introduce to the group. LaVallee said that they should connect to the Mindfulness Club. Braff said that he had visited the club but their meditation style was solely sitting in silence. He explained that he preferred many other techniques of meditation. Ganbat asked if they would charge a fee for yoga mats and other supplies. Braff said that mats were optional. He said that if people really needed them they could work with the school to get funding. Hammer asked if Braff was the only instructor. Braff said there were a couple student instructors that were interested in helping teach both yoga and meditation for free. Hammer

asked about the rental space the club planned to use. Braff said that he had not reserved any space yet, but said that some of the bigger rooms in the VU would work for their purposes. Hayden said that there was a difference between Mindfulness club and WWU Yoga and Meditation and that this club focused more on yoga practices. He said that maybe in the future the two clubs could become one club. He also said that there constitution was incomplete. Braff said that he would send him an updated file after the meeting.

Motion AC-15-F-34 by Lutsch

Moves to recognize WWU Yoga and Meditation Club as an official AS Club under the category of Recreational with the stipulation that the constitution was updated.

Seconded: Ganbat Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

IV. NAME CHANGE REQUEST

a. Theistic Thinkers

Justine Mims explained that having the word theistic in the title of their club could make the club sound biased. She said that they wanted to unify the club with Philosophy of Religion. Hammer expressed that she thought the club was a good idea because religion is underrepresented in Philosophy. Rios said that the name could pose some problems because Philosophy of Religion sounded more like a course or a class than a club, in his opinion. Carroll said the name was better because she is interested in learning about religion and she said she did not want to feel like she needed to be religious to join. Ganbat asked what the club's purpose was. Mims said that they were helping with academics and mainly philosophy students. LaVallee said that Theistic Thinkers had alliteration but he thought that the old name did not represent their club the way they wanted it to. Hammer said that Theistic in the title might bring more philosophy students. Hayden said that Philosophy of Religion sounds like a class or department instead of a club, though he mentioned having the word Philosophy demonstrated the target audience of the club. He suggested adding club or students into the title could have helped their purpose. Carroll said adding club at the end of their title would solve that problem. Hammer said that they could collaborate with Philosophy Club. Mims said that their club met right after Philosophy Club them in the same room so many students stayed for both meetings.

Motion AC-15-F-35 by Lutsch

Moves to officially change the name of Theistic Thinkers to Philosophy of Religion.

Seconded: Carroll Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. Boxing Club (\$284.25)

Jay Lee said that last year Boxing Club was practicing at Carver Gym but since renovation has begun they have been unable to use the facilities. He said that the university moved Boxing Club into a room at the Ree Center, but the room they use has a fee attached to it. He said that their club was only covered for the fees pertaining to Fall Quarter. He said that the request was for the rental fees and also for mitts. Rios asked if they had been practicing during the current quarter. Lee said they had been practicing for the last two weeks. He said that the number of attendees was growing rapidly. He said that he and his friend act as instructors for the group. LaVallee said that they should check with the Ree Center to make sure their space is secure and check about the funds they need in the future. Ganbat asked how the supplies work for the members. Lee said that they are not allowed to use the Ree Center equipment. He said that members buy gloves for themselves. He said that jump ropes and hand wraps were also essential. He said the request was for Focus Mitts. Lutsch asked how many mitts they planned on buying. Lee said that they planned on purchasing ten pairs on sale. He said that he personally had bought the same brand before the claimed they lasted a long time. He explained that ten pairs covers twenty participants since the group practices in pairs. Rios asked if the club had other funds. Lee said that the Ree Center fee was put on their club account to be paid at the end of the quarter. Hayden said that since the fee was not technically paid for yet Activities Council could cover it, though he considered it in a gray area. Rios clarified that the Council does not pay for anything that had already been paid for.

Motion AC-15-F-36 by LaVallee

Moves to approve \$284.25 in the form of a grant to Boxing Club for the use of rental fees and supplies from Grants/Loans/and Underwrites.

Seconded: Carroll Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

b. Pre-Dental Club (\$136)

Rios said since no one from the club attended that the council would table the request for next meeting.

Motion AC-15-F-37 by LaVallee

Moves to table the request from Pre-Dental Club to be addressed during the next meeting of Activities Council.

Seconded: Vadino Vote: 10-0-0 **PASSED**

VI. BOOKSTORE DONATION

a. College of Science and Engineering (\$200)

Rios said since Out in Science did not come to the meeting the Council should discuss whether or not to approve the request. He expressed concern that he did not know who Out in Science was because they were not a club. He said the event they were hosting was scheduled for November 12th, three days after the current meeting of Activities Council. Hammer asked if the request was too close to the time of their event. Hayden said no. Lutsch asked if anyone had confirmed Out in Science was actually from the College of Science and Engineering to see who they were. Rios said no. LaVallee said that without knowing exactly who they were he did not feel comfortable approving the request. Hayden suggested calling them. Ganbat said that she agreed and that she would like to meet the individuals before approving. Hammer asked if anyone had seen any advertising for the event. Lutsch said he was hesitant to give the funding. Carroll said that since they did not need to be present the council should approve the request because their event is so close. Ganbat asked if Out in Science had had any contact with the Club Hub. Lutsch and Hayden said no. LaVallee said that the event wanted to bring groups of people to campus and the event might be localized. Hammer said that she felt like there were already clubs for groups underrepresented in sciences and asked why they were not partnered with them. Bocko said that if Out in Science really needed the donation they would have come to council. Lutsch asked what the options were for giving Rios the power to approve the request outside of council. Hayden said that there would need to be a vote and a motion. He mentioned that that might put pressure on Rios. Lutsch said that they should give Out in Science the option. Rios said that he would be comfortable except that since there was no school Wednesday they would need to meet with him Tuesday, which was the following day. Carroll agreed. Rios said that he found a poster for the event online. Lutsch asked if there was a way to let the Bookstore know that if Out in Science showed up after the date of the event that they could not take donations for the event. Hammer said that she had a friend volunteering for the event. Lutsch said that his biggest worry was getting a communication with someone working with the event. LaVallee said since there was a lack of advertising and commitment they could lower the request. Carroll said that if Out in Science was here they could answer questions but if this event had occurred in the past they had a good idea of how many people generally show up. She noted the estimated 400 participants. Bocko said that she wanted to support them, but maybe lowering the amount would be a good idea. Carroll asked if Out in Science did not hand out all of the "swag" if they would be able to return items. Hayden said that that situation had never happened. LaVallee said that there was not many checks and balances when the Dead Parrots Society had picked up shirts. Lutsch mentioned that they needed to mention AS Bookstore on posters, which Out in Science had not.

Motion AC-15-F-38 by Lutsch

Moves to approve \$100 in funding for the Out in Science event with the stipulation that if the donation was not used by the time of the event the Donation would become invalid.

Seconded: Roberts Vote: 9-0-1 **PASSED**

VII. LARGE EVENT OPPORTUNITY FUND

a. AS Environmental Center (\$6000)

Anna Kemper said that the AS Environmental Center was coming to the Council to propose an event on February 25th, 2016 bringing Dr. Vandana Shiva to campus from India. She said that Dr. Shiva was an eco-feminist and was working to fight Monsanto and working towards both farmer and women's rights. She said that during their event Dr. Shiva would put on a workshop in the morning on women in agriculture and then give a presentation in the PAC in the afternoon. She said that they would be working with the Social Issues Resource Center, the Women's center, and the Ethnic Student's Center. Elle Mckitrick said that the event might also host a breakfast. Kemper explained that Dr. Shiva's agent had reached out to them and the cost for bringing Dr. Shiva to Western was \$12,000. She also explained that since the event cost so much money that they had requested several grants including Sustainable Action Fund request for \$5000 and the Diversity Fund request for \$1500. Mckitrick said that they planned not to charge students to come to the event. She said that instead they planned on charging community members a small fee. Lutsch asked about participation for the planned breakfast. Kemper said that since they were reaching out to other groups that the breakfast could be a reward to the volunteers and an opportunity for them to speak one on one with Dr. Shiva. Hayden asked if the \$12,500 speaker fee was negotiable. Kemper said that they had negotiated the fee down from the original cost of \$15,000. Hayden asked if they knew when they were getting funding from other sources. Kemper said that they would know soon if they had been granted SAF and Diversity Fund grants. LaVallee asked where the revenue would go. Kemper said that PAC always charges a ticket price, so the event is free to students but they are charging community members who would like to participate. Hayden said like it sounded they could not charge community members as much as he thought they should and that no subsidy would be more like \$16 instead of \$6. He asked if Environmental Center was taking on costs. Kemper said that they had already accepted that the Environmental Center might need to take on extra costs. Hammer asked if SAF was being approved by the committee. Kemper said yes and that she also sat on the committee. Bocko asked that if they were relying on community providing payment how were they planning on advertising the event. Kemper mentioned that they were planning on reaching out into the community to spread word about the event. Mckitrick said that their

goal is to get more community opinions in the AS Environmental Center and had already had professors come in. LaVallee said that his office was helping with the event and he would make sure to spread awareness. Lutsch asked for back up plans if the requests to the different funds were not approved. Kemper said no, but that the AS Environmental Center was prepared to take on extra costs if necessary. LaVallee mentioned he could put \$2000 towards the event instead of the projected amount in the proposal as the AS Productions Special Event Coordinator.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

VIII. Other Business

a. Approval of Minutes

Vadino said that his name was spelled incorrectly throughout the October 12th and 19th minutes and that in a section he was asking for clarification instead of providing it. Hayden said that they could approve the minutes with the amendment that the correction would be made. Lutsch said that they could make a window of time for review. Hayden suggested moving minutes to the end of each meeting and circulating a hardcopy for physical corrections. Rios said the council would table the item until next week.

Israel Rios adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm