



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting of Monday, October 13th 2014

VU567

5:00

Present: Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP for Activities), Ashlyn Doltar (AS Club Coordinator), Kaleb Ode (Assistant Business Director), Katrina Haffner (Club Representative), Mason Thaut (Club Representative), Desiree Salmond (Student at Large), Alejandro Ibanez (Student at Large)

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden (Coordinator of Student Activities)

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guest(s): Jason Windham (Longboarding Club), Brika Bro (Western Students Against Violence), Nicholas Martin (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Ryan Kydd (NeRDS), Kenny Powers (Fairhaven Free Press), Thomas Cogger (Wakeboarding Club), Michaela Trulson (Wakeboarding Club), Chad Spady (Wakeboarding Club), Solomon Loew (The Rock Campus Ministry)

MOTIONS

AC-14-F-11 - Revision to Action Item B of today's agenda - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-12 - Approval of the minutes from the 10-6-2014 meeting - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-13 - Tabling of the Business Directors Report until the end of the meeting - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-14 - Recognition of The Rock Campus Ministry as an AS Club under the "Religious" category - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-15 - Recognition of the Fairhaven free Press as an AS Club under the "Social Issues" category - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-16 - Recognition of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship as an AS Club under the "Religious" category - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-17 - Recognition of WWU Wakeboarding Club under "Recreational" category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-18 - Approve a \$1,560 underwrite to NeRDS, with the stipulation that they spend no more than \$260 per person. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-19 - Approval of the name change from “Vagina Club” to “Western Students Against Violence,” and approval of the updated mission statement - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-20 - Approve \$350 in bookstore donations to the Ethnic Student Center for the ESC Conference. - **PASSED**

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm on October 13th, 2014.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Motion AC-14-F-11 by Ode

Revision to the agenda, Action Item B - Western Libertarians asked for \$250 in their request, not \$150.

Second: Thaut Vote: 4-0-1

Action: Passed

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC-14-F-12 by Thaut

Approval of minutes from the committee meeting held on 10-6-14.

Second: Vote: 5-0-0

Action: passed

III. Business Director’s Report

Motion AC-14-F-13 by Ode

Motion to table report until the end of the meeting.

Second: Thaut vote: 3-0-2

Action: Passed

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)	\$33,000	\$2,325	\$30,675	92.95%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	100%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$330	\$3,670	91.75%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$680	\$2,820	80.57%

IV. Club Recognition

A. The Rock Campus Ministry

Solomon Lowe said the RCM is about engaging people in what the Bible says, inspiring friendships, discipleships and healthy conversations regardless of individual beliefs. Salmond asked if the group would be specifically observing the Bible specifically or include other religious texts, and how exactly a club meeting would progress. Lowe said that meetings would be open discussions, using the Bible specifically, but can branch out with texts about the Bible and Christianity, in order to improve individual spirituality. There will be a focus on discussions and not becoming preachy. Lowe said that this club is unique because this is not a club meant to gather everyone of the same belief. This club is meant for students to get together and engage in a simple, civil discussion, whether they are religious, non-religious, spiritual, agnostic, etc. Ode observed that the group would be affiliated with the North Sound Church of Christ, and asked if RCM would be affiliated with any other organizations. Lowe said that currently there are not plans to be affiliated with any other club or association, but would be willing to collaborate with other religious groups on campus for events and activities. Haffner asked if they would be willing to consider doing a joint event with the Campus Christian Fellowship. Lowe reported that good relations already exist between the RCM and CCF, and would definitely be interested in a collaboration. Thaut asked about the club turnout, and whether or not there will be enough members to ensure the clubs' longevity. Lowe said that those involved already are mostly ones who joined up in the summer, plus a few underclassmen so far, but this is not highly representative of the usual turnout, so the club does have a confirmed foundation for the future. Doltar asked what would set this club apart from others. Lowe said that there appears to be a sense of clubs' gathering those that already have faith together at the beginning of the year, and he wants to produce an inviting environment that lets people in regardless of what amount of faith they possess.

Motion AC-14-F-14 by Doltar

Recognition of The Rock Campus Ministry as an AS Club under the religious category.

Second: Thaut

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Fairhaven Free Press

Kenny Powers said that the Fairhaven Free press is a student-run, student-produced independent newspaper. This club existed at Western for nine years, up until two years ago. Now there is an attempt to bring it back. The Free press focuses on local, national, and global issues in long form journalism, focusing on long-term journalism instead of focusing on the breaking news. Powers said the club initially died out because the two editors were both seniors and graduating; at the same time, the faculty sponsor went on sabbatical. The new structure of editors is that at least one of the editors must be a previous editor, and one editor must be confirmed as returning the next quarter, creating a constant loop of new editors being trained by previous editors. Alcantar Soto asked how and in what format the FFP issues will be distributed. Powers said the Free Press will be distributed in both physical (colored paper) and online formats, with the online format being the primary. Physical paper booths are being constructed to be set up around campus, and there are plans to pass out free copies around key student social spots around campus. Hayden offered context that the Fairhaven Free Press, before it ended two years ago, was a well-respected newspaper with a history of quality articles, and the Activities Council supported it monetarily in the past, around \$1200 a quarter. Powers said there are plans to begin a series of community fundraisers, with the short term goal of affording a printer and the long-term goal of the club becoming self-sufficient.

Motion AC-14-F-15 by Alcantar Soto

Recognition of the Fairhaven Free Press as an AS Club under the “Special Interests” category. Friendly amendment by Ode to change category from “Special Interests” to “Social Issues.”

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

C. Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Nick Martin said that the Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a group for the Eastern Orthodox churches to represent themselves on campus, in order to help all students who identify as Orthodox Christians to express their religious identity. Thaut asked if the club events would mostly be held on Campus. Martin said the group would mostly act off campus and provide transportation for members, but would be available both on and off campus, and hold events such as pizza

nights, charity outreach, etc. The group is not well known, so the foundation of this club would be greatly beneficial for the Eastern orthodox image.

Alcantar Soto asked about the interest shown in the club so far.

Martin reported a fairly good turnout at the last meeting, 27 people on the Facebook group, and over 30 people signed up at Info Fair, so there is a sizeable interest among the student populace.

Motion AC-14-F-16 by Thaut

Recognition of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship as an AS Club under the “Religious” category.

Second: Ode

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

D. Western Washington University Wakeboarding Club

Chad Spady said there used to be a wakeboarding club almost ten years ago. He and Tom Cogger work at Bow Lake, a private Man-made lake 20 minutes from campus, and they work with the alumni who initially founded the club, so there has been an interest to revive the club and have club access to Bow Lake. Spady said the idea is for this revived club to act as both a club and a team, so both the dedicated and casual members can be included. Ode asked what steps are being taken to assure club longevity, since it is highly dependent on Spady and Coggers’ lake access staying with the club once they graduate. Spady said discussions about retaining lake access after his and Coggers’ graduation will be discussed in months to come. Alcantar Soto asked about equipment available to the club members, and Ode asked about utilities available to the club members. Cogger said that in addition to an on-site hot tub, the lake is sponsored by a few wakeboard and waterskiing companies, and every year they send them equipment to be used by lakegoers. Ode asked if dues will be charged for membership. Spady said yes, in addition to charges for members who become involved in official competitions. In direct response, Ode asked if the Club Treasurer has been through official AS budgetary training. Spady said no. Ode requested that the Treasurer meet with him for budgetary training. Giselle asked if this was a risky sport. Spady said somewhat, but annual wavers are signed at the lake for both casual lakegoers and collegiate competitors.

Motion AC-14-F-17 by Thaut

Recognition of WWU Wakeboarding Club under “Recreational” category.

Second: Ode

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Information Items

A. WWU Longboarding Club - \$2404

Jason Windham said that in order to do some longboarding even in poor seasonal conditions, the WWU Longboarding club attends the Migrate to Skate event, where they go on a ski trip to California and film a four-episode web series. This year they will be doing the same trip, and film the series as one big, cumulative movie, possibly to be shown in Arntzen Hall. The club received sponsorships from the AS and various skating companies. In order to supplement the amount being requested from the AS, the Longboarding Salmond asked what funding the club is trying to do on their own in order to supplement the amount being requested. Windham said that the club is doing Kickstarter funding and attempted to find sponsors. The Kickstarter should be up next week. Ode suggested to use other crowdfunding websites such as GoFundMe or CrowdTilt, because Kickstarter only grants you the donated money if you reach your goal. One club member can have the team stay at a relative’s house, meaning that room and board is free for the trip. Ode offered context that last year, the Activities Council approved \$893. Alcantar Soto asked if there was a list of members who plan on going this year. Windham said that they have the same nine members as last year, plus new members, and they are mostly downhill skaters. Hayden asked how many members, at maximum, would be going to the event. Windham said the ideal number of attendees is 14, seven people per van. Last year, each person needed to pay an additional \$80 to go on the trip. How much they would have to pay this year depends on how much funding or sponsorships they receive this year. Windham asked if he can request rights to the raffle they used to raise money last year. Hayden said to consider it requested, since there is currently no official form to fill out. Haffner asked Hayden and Alcantar Soto if the clubs would still be partaking in the Full Circle effect, in which, after returning from an event or conference, they bring back some form of activity or event. Alcantar Soto said yes. Windham said that showing the web series/movie in Arntzen Hall would be their Full Circle Event.

Alcantar Soto requested the following as information to bring next meeting:

1. An idea of how much the members would be willing to pay out of pocket for the event.
2. An idea of exactly how many people are going.
3. A list of any responses from potential sponsors.
4. A more detailed gas budget

Information Item will be voted upon as an Action Item during the meeting of 10-20-14.

Alcantar Soto left the meeting at 6:00 pm, passing the Chair authority on to Ode, the Vice Chair.

VI. Action Items

A. NeRDS - \$3000

Lauren Aigler said that new, more accurate numbers have been added to their request on Orgsync. Ryan Kydd said that he also did some estimated calculations, and cut down the list of nonessential members allowed to go. Ode responded and said he would still like to see ten members going. Kydd said that by his calculations, each member would be willing to pay \$260 out of pocket for this trip. Total cost came out at an estimated \$781 per person, with only five people going to Neuroscience 2014. Kydd, in response to a question about the relevance of the event, quickly summarized the event for clarity. Society of Neurosciences' Conference is the premier venue for neuroscientists to present emerging science, learn from experts, forge collaborations with peers, explore new tools and technologies, and advance careers. Kydd went as a freshman without presenting, and it was very influential, which is why he is now president of the club.

Motion AC-14-F-18 by Ode

Approve a \$1,560 underwrite to NeRDS, with the stipulation that they spend no more than \$260 per person.

Second: Haffner Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Western Libertarians - \$250

Katrina Haffner said that Western Libertarians is holding the Jangmadang Tour, a free Event on November 6th in Academic West 204. This will be a joint event with the Korean Student Association, and they will be hosting Speakers from the Liberty in Korea movement, which is meant to bring awareness to the Korean people about their own mistreatment, as well as missions to get endangered Korean and Chinese citizens out of their home countries and into a safe place. Previous events drew over 100 people.

Item tabled until word is received from Alcantar Soto to receive her vote for Quorum.

Since word was never received, item is tabled until next meeting.

VII. Name Change Requests

A. WWU Sharing Interests Forming Friendships

Tabled due to no present representatives.

B. Vagina Memoirs

The reason for the name change is as follows: “The name "The Vagina Club" is not inclusive of the individuals that do not identify with the gender they were assigned at birth and are not themselves biologically female. The name also suggests that the group is only open to women, when in truth these difficult issues and necessary conversations about consent, sexual assault, and physical abuse should not be limited to an audience of one marginalized group, but rather society as a whole. Western Students Against Violence directly addresses the reason for the club in its name and encourages community advocacy, activism, and breaking the silence.”

Additionally, the club wanted to update their mission statement: “Western Students Against Violence provides a positive, empowering, and inclusive environment to focus on the intersectionality of gender, sexuality, race, culture, privilege, and oppression. This group firmly believes in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes and is determined to raise awareness on issues that marginalized individuals, particularly woman, face. Western Students Against Violence is closely partnered with WEAVE (Western Empowerment And Violence Education) and frequently addresses topics of structural violence and physical violence. It is a place for students to talk about

current issues, and have a safe space to engage in an open dialogue about feminism and gender equality. Violence and discrimination against one systematically oppressed group affects all marginalized groups, therefore feminism is an issue that affects us all.”

Haffner expressed concern that the name is not indicative enough of the group focus. Hayden said that the plan is for the pre-existing Western Men Against Violence to fuse with this group, so the group is merely trying to be broad about its mission statement, and tailoring to more than just domestic violence and sexual assault. Ode said that it is still a more focused name than the previous name, but recommended that we contact them and make it clear that they are welcome to submit a request for another name change, should they find a name that is more indicative of the club purpose.

Motion AC-14-F-19 by Ode

Approval of the name change from “Vagina Club” to “Western Students Against Violence,” and approval of the updated mission statement.

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

VIII. Bookstore Donation Request

A. ESC Conference - \$300

Ode said the ESC requested \$100 two years ago, \$200 last year, and \$300 this year. The number of participants, however, has not been going up. Haffner asked if there needed to be an unofficial cap to deter them from increasing the amount every year. Hayden said that, since he’s not intending to retire anytime soon, he will act as that unofficial cap. Ode said his concern is why ESC keeps asking for more, because he knows they have a sizeable budget. Amount was bumped up to \$350 in the interest of equalizing the amounts the Committee can approve for other requests.

Motion AC-14-F-20 by Thaut

Approve \$350 in bookstore donations to the Ethnic Student Center for the ESC Conference.

Second: Doltar

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Meeting adjourned by Kaleb Ode at 7:07 pm.

