



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting Agenda for Monday, October 27th 2014

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), Alejandro Ibanez (Student at Large) Desiree Salmond (Student at Large)

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

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: John Lee (Laughs At Funny Sketches Club), Michael Vining (Fairhaven Fusion), Kaylin Aponte (Lutheran Campus Ministry), Christian Malaison, Brin McQuin (WWU College Youth in Government), Jordan Wendland (Students for Social Change)

MOTIONS

AC-14-F-27 - Addition of Bookstore Donation Request under Item VIII for the Woodring College of Education - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-28 - Approve the minutes from the meeting of 10-20-14 - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-29 - Approve the name change of “La Mesa del Español” to “La Mesa de Español.” - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-30 - Recognition of Fairhaven Fusion as an official AS Club under the “Arts, Music and Dance” category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-31 - Recognition of the Lutheran Campus Ministry as an official AS Club under the “Religious” category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-32 - Move Information Item: Students for Social Change to Action Items under letter C. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-33 - Approve a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Students for Social Change. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-34 - Approve a \$170 grant from Club Conference Funding to WWU College Youth in Government - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-35 - Approve a \$244 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Laughs at Funny Sketches - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-36 - Approve \$100 in bookstore donations to the Woodring College of Education to be used for gift cards and clothing. - **PASSED**

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on October 20th, 2014.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Motion AC-14-F-27 - By Alcantar Soto

Addition of Bookstore Donation Request under Item VIII for the Woodring College of Education

Second: Salmond

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC-14-F-28 - by Ode

Approve the minutes from the meeting of 10-20-14.

Second: Ibanez

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

III. Business Director's Report

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)	\$33,000	\$3,875	\$29,125	88.26%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	100%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$1890	\$2110	52.75%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$930	\$2,570	73.42%

IV. Name Change Requests (action items)

A. La Mesa del Español

Giselle Alcantar Soto said that the "Del" in the name causes the name to translate to "the Table of the Spaniards." However, this club is meant to be inclusive and welcome all Spanish speakers, regardless of origin. To fix this, the "del" will be changed to "de," changing the translation of the club name to "Table of Spanish."

Motion AC-14-F-29 - by Doltar

Approve the name change of “La Mesa del Español” to “La Mesa de Español.”

Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

B. Social Entrepreneur Society

The club wishes to be renamed to “Changemakers Club.” Their mission statement is also being changed. Ode expressed concern over the use of “Active Minds Changing Lives” in the newly proposed mission statement, since this is a copyrighted statement owned by the university. Hayden said he saw the mission statement as trying to act in line with the University statement of Active Minds Changing Lives,” not trying to co-opt it. Ode responded by pointing out that regardless of intent, the grammatical format is identical to the Western format, capitalization and all. Alcantar Soto said that the new purpose has the club working alongside Ahsoka University, which acts as the parent organization for the club. Ode expressed concern over the unprofessional layout of the mission statement, such as the inclusion of a website at the bottom. Doltar acknowledged Ode’s point that it was not a professional-looking statement, but said it was not the Council’s place to judge because it is not the Council’s club; they have the right to say what their intent is within their own mission. Alcantar Soto asked how many times this club has been invited to the meeting. Riley Fraser said that this club has been invited to the past two meetings, and has not shown up, or even responded to attempts to contact them.

Item tabled until the end of the meeting.

The decision was made to request that they attend the next meeting one more time, and through an email specified to them stating that if they do not attend the third meeting or at least communicate with the Activities Council, their request will be denied. Item tabled until next meeting.

V. Club Recognition

A. Fairhaven Fusion

Michael Vining said that Fairhaven Fusion is a modern dance group that fuses multiple forms of dance into one. They are looking to be

officially recognized as a club because they are experiencing difficulty finding practice space. Doltar asked about the interest in the club so far. Vining said that this group has been running unofficially for three years. There are currently 300 members, past and present, on the Facebook, and about 70 people attend the meetings each week. Salmond asked if the club has a regular meeting time. Vining said the club has usually met on Wednesdays in the Fairhaven Commons after Swing Kids meetings, to make sure their meeting times do not clash with any other dance clubs. Since this time is no longer available, new meeting times will have to be scheduled. Thaut asked what kind of space the club is looking to reserve. Vining said the Multipurpose Room is ideal, but other than that, anything in the PAC, Rec Center, or the Carver gym would suffice. Doltar asked if there has ever been, or will be, an interest in collaborating with other on-campus dance groups. Vining said this hasn't ever happened before, but if they are officially recognized, that could be a thing that happens this year. Fairhaven Fusion has many members that are also members of other dance teams, so there is a definite interest there. Ode asked if the club has been handling its own funds, since it hasn't been an official club. Vining said no, the club has always been a free organization.

Motion AC-14-F-30 - by Haffner

Recognition of Fairhaven Fusion as an official AS Club under the "Arts, Music and Dance" category.

Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

B. Lutheran Campus Ministry

Kaylin Aponte said that Lutheran Campus Ministry would be an on-campus club that would explore the Lutheran faith and theology through bible studies, service projects, volunteer projects and other activities. There would also be an interest in collaborating with similar groups. Ode asked if there were any other Lutheran groups in the area that the LCM has been working with. Aponte said there is no official club on campus for it, but the club is planning on connecting to five other Lutheran churches in the area. Salmond asked how many Western students are already interested in attending the meetings, and if these meetings are open to the general community as well. Aponte said that six or seven people attend regular meetings so far, and 15 people total are interested.

The club is connected with the overall community as a coalition of the aforementioned five Lutheran churches, but is specifically focused on students. Alcantar Soto asked about other plans for activities and events. Aponte said there is a Pizza party/ faith discussion event that takes place monthly, and there are plans to hold a worship night and other service projects.

Motion AC-14-F-31 - by Thaut

Recognition of the Lutheran Campus Ministry as an official AS Club under the “Religious” category.

Second: Salmond Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

VI. Information Items

A. Students For Social Change - \$210

Jordan Wendland said that the request would cover the fees for the speakers, \$100 each. Alcantar Soto said that there are two options available, depending on the club’s timeline. The club could either keep the amount at \$210 or have it be voted upon today as an Action Item, or raise the amount to \$310 and have it be an Action Item at next weeks’ meeting. Wendland asked if an amount of \$300 could still be voted on today. Alcantar Soto said yes.

Motion AC-14-F-32 - by Thaut

Move Information Item: Students for Social Change to Action Items under letter C. Ode made the friendly amendment that previously existing Action items each move down by one letter (A becomes B, B becomes C)

Second: Doltar Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

Aponte said that SSC is a new club on campus and is trying to advertise itself by inviting people to this event. The event will bring some Western alumni to campus to do a workshop about spoken word activism. Alcantar Soto asked about the identity of the speakers. Wendland did not have the information available. Salmond asked for a definition of the phrase “spoken word activism.” Wendland said that spoken word is often directly related to the speakers’ own experiences, and would tie into important themes and social justice issues, such as gender equality and racism. Ibanez asked if the club was planning on contacting any other clubs on campus for assistance in this event. Wendland said that no specific clubs have been contacted about this event yet, but

they attended a Call For Activism Resource Fair, and they have been discussing other potential event partnerships with other clubs. Alcantar Soto asked where the club got the figure for \$35 for publicity. Wendland said there were plans on creating their own fliers and printing them, and \$35 is an estimation on copying fees for the fliers. Doltar asked if the event would be able to continue if the AC only approved enough for the speakers' fee. Wendland said yes, they could do the event without food, but publicity is a necessity. Salmond reminded the Board that this is a new club, and it could benefit from the success of the event, and it is wise to invest in the success of new clubs. Ode said he would like to know the speakers and be familiar about their credibility first. Wendland said she would sent out an email as soon as she received this information. Alcantar Soto said that the event is relatively small, and the creditability of the speakers is not as much of a draw to the event as the spoken word aspect.

Motion AC-14-F-33 - by Alcantar Soto

Approve a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Students for Social Change.

Second: Doltar Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

B. Changes to the Rules of Operation

Alcantar Soto reviewed the biggest change to the Rules of Operation:

A. Addition to the Bookstore Donation policy.

B. The deletion of Club Recognition and Funding Requests, Number 2, Section 2, letter D for "All timelines are subject to the deliberation of the council."

C. Deletion of Section 2, Number 2, item 7, "Definition of an Activity," found unnecessary because the word "activity" is a very broad term.

We will look further into how to successfully implement Full-Circle Effect into the weekly meetings.

VII. Action Items

A. WWU College Youth In Government - \$290

Christian Malaison said that the requested funds would go towards air fare to get to the Third Annual National Assembly conference in North California. The conference fee is about \$700, but outside groups have sponsored at least half of it. The conference is a mock legislative program where students from across the nation get together and partake in Senate-style debates to practice parliamentary procedure and draft bills. The WWU chapter of the College Youth is the only chapter further out West than Texas, and going to this event will officially recognize their charter as a Youth in Government club. Ode asked how many people are currently a part of this club. Malaison said 5. Salmond asked who will be sent on this event. Malaison said that Erin McQuin, The club president, is the only one going this year, but hopefully more people will be sent in the future, once more people join the club. Haffner, who is familiar with the dynamics of small clubs attending events, wanted to know what the plans are to further fund the clubs' activities once it gains more notoriety and more members. Malaison said they would expand local focus by covering more local issues during meetings, such as the Bellinghome campaign and the construction of streetlights in Laurel Park. Plans for an awareness event in the future to advertise the club and what it's about. Alcantar Soto said that there is a large amount of socially active students on campus, and definitely sees the club increasing in popularity. Ode asked if the club is targeting any of the incoming high school youth demographic. Malaison said yes, and their affiliation with the YMCA helps them do so; there's a Youth in Government chapter operating within the YMCA. Alcantar Soto ask what the club would do if, hypothetically, the Committee didn't fund the full amount. Malaison said it would depend on how much the club would get funded. If it was specifically less, the club might struggle in making up the lost funds. Ibanez asked if the club had asked the YMCA for funding. Malaison said they wouldn't fund air fare, but they do offer scholarships, which the club has applied for. Salmond said that \$290 felt like a bit much, but didn't want to give the club less than \$200 because she wanted to support the club. Alcantar Soto felt that even \$200 felt a bit high, given the low return impact of this event. Doltar agreed, and stated that the lack of a set plan for the club's actions after the conference is another concern. Ode said that

last year, the club was granted \$205, but only \$87 was used, and wanted to know why so little of the given amount was used. Malaison said that Facebook advertising was very successful, and part of the funds didn't end up being necessary.

Motion AC-14-F-34 - by Ibanez

Approve a \$170 grant from Club Conference Funding to WWU College Youth in Government

Second: Salmond Vote: 5-1-1

Action: Passed

B. Laughs At Funny Sketches - \$294

John Lee said that for this club's first big event, they will be holding a live sketch show next month, by students and for students. The club now only needs \$244 to reserve Old Main Theater to host the event. The cast has been picked and sketches are being written now. Salmond asked if there is a charge for entrance fee. Lee said no, because no one knows the club yet and charging for admittance defeats the purpose of advertising the club. Lee estimated that about six different sketches will be shown at the event. Alcantar Soto asked why Old Main is the chosen location. Lee said Old Main is the best location to hold a show like this; it is intimate and it has a working curtain, lighting, sound, and an elevated stage.

Motion AC-14-F-35 - by Salmond

Approve a \$244 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Laughs at Funny Sketches

Second: Ibanez Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

VIII. Bookstore Donation Request

A. Woodring College of Education

Last year, the Woodring teaching Series event was a response to the racial discussions on campus last year that resulted from a "Diversity = White Genocide" group visiting our campus, among other events. This is a continuation off of the discussion that has several on-campus groups collaborating. The Donation funds would go towards door prizes to attract the attention of students in the dorms to take part in social activism. Ode asked if a college organization such as Woodring can be funded by the Activities Council. Haffner said this isn't just Woodring, it encompasses multiple facets of the AS.

Motion AC-14-F-36 - Doltar

Approve \$100 in bookstore donations to the Woodring College of Education to be used for gift cards and clothing.

Second: Salmond Vote: 5-0-2

Action: Passed

IX. Other Business

Alcantar Soto adjourns the meeting at 6:14 pm.