



Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council

Meeting of Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

VU567

5:00

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

**Absent:**

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

**Secretary:** Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

**Guest(s):** John Lee - Laughs At Funny Sketches, Katie Jennings - Edventures SDL, J'neil Cottle - WWU Women in Physics, Elise Christey - WWU Women in Physics, Andy Tran - Kinesiology Club, Gary Wiley - Kinesiology Club, Lauren Aigler - NeRDS, Ryan Kydd - NeRDS, Louisa Lee - FASA

MOTIONS

**AC-14-F-01** - Approve the addition of "Kinesiology Club- \$50" to Item VI: Bookstore Donation Request of the agenda - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-02** - Approve to recognize Laughs at Funny Sketches Club as an official AS Arts, Music and Dance club - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-03** - Approve to recognize WWU Women in Physics as an official AS Academic and Departmental club - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-04** - Approve to recognize EDventure Social Development & Leadership Club as an official AS Services club - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-05** - Approve to table Action Items until after Bookstore Donation Requests - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-06** - Approve \$200 in bookstore donations for the FASA Heritage Dinner - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-07** - Approve \$80 in bookstore donations for the Kinesiology Club volleyball Tournament - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-08** - Approve the name change of the "United Methodist College Group" to "The Wesley Club of WWU" - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-09** - Approve the name change of “Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization” to “WWU Startup” - ***Passed***

**AC-14-F-10** - Approve the name change of “Meditation Club” to “Mindfulness Club.” - ***Passed***

*Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Role call was held immediately afterward.*

#### I. Revisions to the Agenda

Motion AC-14-F-01 by Alcantar Soto

Addition of Giselle added under Item 6-B, motion to add “Kinesiology Club- \$50” to Item VI: Bookstore Donation Request of the agenda. Kinesiology Club to Bookstore Donation request for \$50.

Second: Ode Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

#### II. Business Director’s Report

Kaleb Ode gave a review of the funding available. Ode said that Bookstore Donation Requests remain at \$33,000, Academic Conference Funding remain at \$4,000, and Club Conference Funding and Grants/Loans/Underwrites experienced some withdrawals, so their current amount will be updated in time for the next Activities Council meeting.

#### III. Club Recognition

##### A. Laughs at Funny Sketches

John Lee, founder of the club, said this club provides a sketch comedy writing workshop, where members would share live comedy sketches, offer critique and feedback, pitch some jokes, and showcase these sketches once or twice a quarter in a live sketch show, which will be called either “The Viking Comedy Hour” or “The Western Comedy Hour.” The event would have four or five sketches, plus various other entertainment acts. The first of these events would be held either at the end of fall quarter or the beginning of winter quarter. Main purpose of the club is to workshop live-sketch comedy. Club will meet once a week (exact time pending), and sketch readings are first-come first-serve, where the members email their sketches and it is read aloud during club hours. He said there is a decent interest building in the theater community, because WWU has an improve club, standup

club, and film comedy club, but no sketch comedy club, so there is a void to be filled. As such, this club would distinguish itself as the students' medium for live sketch comedy. Giselle Alcantar Soto asked if this would be completely live show with no recordings. Lee confirmed this. Kaleb Ode then wondered what would prevent LAFS from integrating or collaborating with pre-existing stand-up or sketch comedy shows. Lee replied that standup is different because it's a one-man show, and sketch comedy is creating a scene with many different people.

**Motion AC-14-F-02** by Thaut

Recognition of Laughs at Funny Sketches Club as an official AS Club under the arts, music and dance category.

Second: Haffner

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: **Passed**

Lee asked how to follow up on being officially recognized as a new club. Casey Hayden said that he will officially approve the club on Orgsync and he will be able to start getting club affairs in order via Orgsync. Ode asked if LAFS would be using an AS account for the budget authority. Lee said not currently but LAFS is still figuring that out. Ode said that if they do end up using an account to contact the Business Office to figure it all out.

B. WWU Women in Physics

Elise Christey said that the official mission statement of the club is "to provide outreach support and professional career guidance for women interested in stem fields," with an emphasis on the field of physics. WWU Womens in Physics is currently not affiliated with any larger parent organization, and will potentially be receiving support from the Physics department. Mason Thaut highly recommended that they do so. Christey said there was a plan for the club to host a sort of demo for Compass to Campus, or a sort of community outreach event, generally making physics more accessible to the community. The club has had a few meetings already, and has at least ten members. A concern was expressed about the disproportionate male-to-female ratio in the physics department; according to Christey, females account for about 20% of the entire department. In order to ensure club success and longevity, members have been going into related classes, such as physics 161 or intro series, and announce the club and club events in order to gain the interest of underclassmen. Haffner asked if there

were plans to collaborate or have shared events with any of the other “Women in ” clubs on campus. Christey answered yes, absolutely, and she is looking to collaborate with the Association of Women in Computing in particular. Alcantar Soto recommended to remove the WWU from the name, due to the fact that so many clubs begin with WWU.

**Motion AC-14-F-03** by Alcantar Soto

Recognition of WWU Women in Physics as an official AS club under the Academic and Departmental category.

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-0

Action: **Passed**

C. EDventure Social Development & Leadership Club

Katie Jennings said the club is working underneath a company called EDventure National, a non-profit organization that provides leadership opportunities and works with people from South Africa, Cambodia, Costa Rica, and Thailand. Alumni working under the company programs will be coming back to Western to share the stories of people struggling in other countries, and raise money in order to assist those who are struggling. In advertisements for the club, Jennings intends to promote the issue rather than the club; advertisement would be focused, specific issues, and what members can do to help out, rather than focus on the club itself. Haffner brought attention to the Students for Social Change club, and wondered if there would be willingness to work with the club. Hayden provided background information. It is a services club operating out of the Human Services department that works to connect students to various service projects and service works locally. It doesn't provide the international component, which EDventure does, so there could be some merit to a collaboration. Jennings was not aware of the club, but would be absolutely willing to collaborate. Much discussion was put into the relationship between the club and organization, and how to keep the club from being used as a recruitment tool for the EDventure company in the long term. The decision was made to edit the constitution to make a clear distinction between club activities and organization activities. After much debate over specific and intended language of the constitution, official wording of Section 1 of the EDventure club constitution was edited to “The primary goal of the club shall be to promote club activities and raise awareness of global issues, rather than to solely encourage individuals

to participate the opportunities available through the EDventure company.”

**Motion AC-14-F-04** by Thaut

Recognition of EDventure Social Development & Leadership Club as an AS Club under the Services category.

Second: Doltar Vote: 5-0-0

Action: **Passed**

IV. Information Items

A. NeRDS - \$3000

Ryan Kydd said NeRDS is requesting funding to help members go on a trip to Washington DC in November for Neuroscience 2014, an annual conference hosted by the Society of Neuroscience. This club is built intimately into the neurosciences department, so many of the members are already in research positions, so this event gives firsthand experience and the opportunity for members to work within the actual neuroscientific community. Last year they received \$4,800, which allowed them to send ten (10) invested lab work members to the event to present research and findings at the conference. They were also promised a surplus, but that was a mistake, because the request took place at the last meeting of the year, surplus cannot be applied across two separate fiscal years. Kydd said that roughly \$300 would be spent out of pocket by each member to go on this event, which is how they calculated requested costs to make sure members aren't asked to pay too much. Kydd said in the event that not everyone that wants to go can go, researchers are first pick, seniority is second pick, and highly motivated members are third pick. This criteria has been outlined on the items given to the club members. Hayden recommended that the club look for different ways to bring in the money for this event, since it occurs every year and is an important event to the club, and securing its place in club activities would be very beneficial. Ode recommended that in the future, should the club not be able to get enough sponsors, be sure that plane tickets are always the first order of business, since this is a fairly regular event and plans ticket prices can fluctuate, while other prices tend to be stable.

Alcantar Soto listed some homework items for when this item is brought to Action Items to be voted upon next week:

1. Provide a somewhat solid number of how many people are planning on going.
2. How much are members expected to pay out of pocket for the event.

Alcantar Soto cut the discussion off in the interest of time, with the parting news to expect at least \$250 from the Activities Council. Discussion has been tabled until next week.

B. WWU Longboarding Club - \$2404

No representative present. Item is tabled for next week.

V. Action Items

No representatives showed up. Interest in moving forward for those here for other items and coming back to the Action Items.

**Motion AC-14-F-05** by Thaut

Table Item V. Action Items until Item VI. Bookstore Donation Requests is complete.

Second: Ode Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

A. WWU Sharing Interests Forming Friendships - Name Change

The Board had additional questions for the club, so the item was tabled.

B. United Methodist College Group - Name Change

Name change to "Wesley Club at WWU." The reason is listed as follows: "The Wesley Club is the name by which all United Methodist College fellowships go by. We would like to change to this name to make it easier for Methodist students to recognize our group."

**Motion AC-14-F-08** by Alcantar Soto

Change the name of "United Methodist College Group" to "The Wesley Club at WWU."

Second: Ode

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

C. Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization - Name Change

They want to change the name to “WWU Startup.” Their reason for the name change is as follows: “After talking with Business Owners and students alike, we were getting the idea that, while clever, the name was too long and the word "startup" was what more ivy league schools were using.”

**Motion AC-14-F-09** by Doltar

Change the name of “Collegiate Entrepreneurship Organization” to “WWU Startup”

Second: Thaut                      Vote:5-0-0                      Action: Passed

Motion passed, 5-0-0.

D. Meditation Club - Name Change

Name change to Mindfulness Club, to have a name more fitting to the club and its activities. The specific reasons are as follows: “We want a name that is more fitting to our club. Over the years, we have found that we do so much more than meditate. We engage in a plethora of mindfulness practices, everything from yoga to eating.”

**Motion AC-14-F-10** by Alcantar Soto

Change the name of “Meditation Club” to “Mindfulness Club.”

Second: Doltar                      Vote: 5-0-0                      Action: Passed

VI. Bookstore Donation Request

A. FASA - \$60

Louisa Lee said that at their FASA heritage dinner, they usually hold a silent auction, the funds of which will be donated to the relief effort for a Hurricane in the Phillipines. The attendance at this heritage dinner is always successful, and always sells out completely. The posters are being made right now, and the dinner menu is already prepared. One of the auction items is usually a basket of goods from the bookstore. Alcantar Soto informed the Board that FASA asked for \$200 last year. Louisa then asked if the amount can be increased to \$200, which it was.

**Motion AC-14-F-06** by Ode

Approve \$200 in bookstore donations for the FASA Heritage Dinner

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-0

Action: **Passed**

B. Kinesiology Club - \$50

The donation is for a volleyball tournament, which is also a fundraising event to fund their trip to conferences. The \$50 would cover the prize for the tournament winner. Ode suggested the amount be increased to \$80 in order to give the club some more breathing room in order to account for all the winners. Haffner agreed in the increase to \$80, because kinesiology is one of the campus' largest majors, and we should support our highly represented student body. Ode also wanted a message sent to let them know about the increase in allowed money and offering best wishes and confidence for the event. Hayden offered to message them

**Motion AC-14-F-07** by Ode

Approve \$80 in bookstore donations to the Kinesiology Club.

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

VII. Other Business

Giselle revealed some changes made to the Charge and Charter. The changes were minor, but Giselle felt them necessary. Removal of "Establishing and enforcing policies" because we do not establish, and the enforcement piece is already laid out in other documents. Addition of "publications" to fund allocation outline, because the Council does this every year. Combined Club Conference and Academic Conference for ease of use.

Giselle wanted to add the formal policy of Bookstore donations to the Councils' rules of operations. Added to next weeks' agenda.

*Meeting adjourned by Giselle Alcantar Soto at 6:38 pm.*