



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 17th 2014

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

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

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Emma Elinson, Taylor Iverson, Nicholas K (Western ACDA), Brad Mardone, Sean Blum, (WWU Marine Technology Club), Michael Chun (WWU League of Vikings), Samantha Ranniger, Emily Kendall, Aria Lampi (Art Club), Eden Libby, Andrew Eckels (WWU Students for Farmworker Justice)

Motions

AC-14-F-52 - Approval of the minutes from the 11-3-14 meeting. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-53 - Recognition of the Art Club as an official AS Club under the "Music, Arts, and Dance" category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-54 -Approval of a \$750 from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU Students for Farmworker Justice. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-55 - Approval of a \$250 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU League of Vikings. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-56 - Approval of \$100 from Bookstore Donations to the Korean Student Association. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-57 - The recommendation to the Business Committee that the Conference Policy and VU Policy be terminated from AS Policy. - **PASSED**

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on November 17th, 2014.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Section 4 Item A. Viking Radio Theater Clubs' Name Change Request has been tabled until next meeting.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC-14-F-52 by Thaut

Approval of the minutes from the 11-3-14 meeting

Second: Salmond 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	\$4,199	\$28,801	87.3%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$350	\$9,650	95.5%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$1890	\$2110	52.75%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$930	\$2,570	73.42%

IV. Club Recognition

A. Art Club

Samantha Ranniger said it's very difficult for non-art majors to take art classes on this campus, so this club is meant to provide a full artistic experience for students interested in doing art projects, regardless of their major. Artistic expression is important because utilizing ones creativity inspires a broader appreciation of the world, and this club will ensure that all students can have access to this appreciation. For example, if a student wanted to learn how to draw, instead of taking a class where they had to undergo critiques for grades, they could attend the Art Club, where they could learn casually from other artists. Salmond wanted to know if the club would focus on a variety of different art forms and styles, and if there would be any collaborations with other clubs. Ranniger said the club would accept all forms and mediums of art, so everyone can try new things. Collaboration with other clubs will definitely be given consideration. Ode asked if the club was aware of a similar campus club

called the Creators Society; this club is similar in that it offers a place to encourage artistic pursuit, but it also extends to writing and literature. Ranniger said the club members were not aware of this club. Ode said that the Art Club would benefit differentiating itself from the Creators Society by directing its focus, and also recommended that they contact the Creators' Society for advice or collaborations. Hayden said that Creators Society used to have a strong focus on literature, and had discussion groups that offered critique or feedback on members' works. Ranniger said that the club could potentially act as a casual workspace for different art products, and she would like to be able to supply members with materials. Thaut asked about access to a room and supplies. Ranniger said the club president is an art major, so the club would have some advantage there. Doltar said that when she met with the president of the club for training, she said they have access to materials. Alcantar Soto asked why they chose such a simple name. Samantha said it's aiming to be a simplistic club that sounds inviting.

Motion AC-14-F-53 by Thaut

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

Second: Anderson Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Information Items

A. Western ACDA - \$3,500

Taylor Iverson said the club is requesting funding for registration costs for the national ACDA conference in Lake City, Utah. Eighteen members are attending, compared to the nine who attended the conference in Dallas, Texas last year. They can already afford hotel and flight costs thanks to other funding, and they want to give their members the least financial burden possible. There was a scholarship opportunity for ACDA through the ACDA Organization that would cover the registration costs. Several members have applied. Ode asked when they would expect to hear the results. Emma Elinson said sometime in January before the conference. Alcantar Soto asked if the club has calculated what amount of money members would have to pay out of pocket for the event. Elinson said that members will have to pay for food and transportation, and it would come out to roughly \$180-200 per person. Alcantar Soto said she looked into last year's request, and noticed that the club requested \$1,360, and the cost was split between two different budgets: half from Academic Conferences, half from Club

Conferences. Hayden explained that it was meant to not fully spend as much in Academic, because Club Conferences in this situation could still pay for transportation costs. Alcantar Soto asked what the club has been doing for fundraising. Iverson said they pulled from past fundraisers, held two car washes this summer, raised \$600 in a bake sale, and is planning on caroling and further bake sales, coming out to a little over \$900 overall. Alcantar Soto asked if fundraising has been factored into their budget. Elinson said not yet, because the bake sale concert was only last week. Salmond said she wants to support the club as much as the council can, because they have done more than the required amount of fundraising for their funds, and suggested the Council begin discussing amounts to approve. Ode asked if anyone in the current club membership has attended the conference before. Elinson said yes, at least nine of them.

Thaut asked if the club would be performing at the conference. Iverson said no, they'll be performing in Spokane. Alcantar Soto asked about the procedure for finding out who goes to this conference. Iverson said attendance is open to all music majors who are open to paying the additional costs, including a fee if they end up not attending the conference.

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

B. WWU Marine Technology Club - \$942.51

Brad Mardone said that the Marine Technology Club builds an underwater robotic submarine from scratch every year, and attends a regional competition in May and an international competition in June, which will be held in Newfoundland to compete against other clubs and their submarines. Thanks to a series of donations through networking, the club has access to everything it needs to complete the submarine, except for newer motors, a Sony lens, and a monitor. The Activities Council funded the amount for two motors last year, and various other parts in previous years. Ode said the club received more funding last year, and asked if there were additional projects or events the club will be involved in this year. Mardone said that this is the one project the club will be involved in this year.

Alcantar Soto asked how the competition went last year. Brad said that the sub was working perfectly, until they used the UW's battery and it blew out the mother board, a mistake that will not happen again.

Salmond asked if the competition is more focused on the building process or the utilization of the submarine. Mardone said that after both conferences, he'd like to contact the Marine Biology department and let them use the submarine in their own projects. Alcantar Soto asked how the specific items listed in the club materials list were selected. Sean Blum said that these pieces were high volume, but low cost, meaning they are cost-effective materials that work well and have a long shelf life.

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

VI. Action Items

A. WWU Students for Farmworker Justice - \$1000

Andrew Eckels reminded the Council that the request is for a panel discussion where four farmworkers from Skagit County that have been fighting to get a union contract for the past four years will come and talk about their work, why it's meaningful, and how people can support their cause. Its primary purpose is to spread word about this issue and gain support for the Workers union. Ode asked about fundraising results. Eden Libby said they received \$200 from Fairhaven. Ode asked what would happen if the contract is signed and this cause is realized before this event is held. Libby said that the event would still be held, because the struggle for equality in farmworking communities will continue even if the contract is signed. Alcantar Soto reiterated that the Council cannot grant funds based on previous events and services, and asked if the request amount has been reformatted based on this information. Libby said that they adjusted their request based on this information, and they are now requesting \$150 for each speaker, coming up to a new overall request of \$750. Ode expressed concern over the level of professionalism of the speakers. Haffner expressed appreciation for Ode playing devils' advocate, and then said that she has seen these speakers before, and they are professionals in the sense that this is their own firsthand experiences, and they deserve to be acknowledged as professionals in their own right. Doltar said that since they will be discussing an issue centered on their occupation, they would be considered professionals through the lens of this particular event.

Motion AC-14-F-54 by Salmond

Approval of a \$750 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU Students for Farmworker Justice

Second: Anderson Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

B. WWU Boxing Club - \$250

No representatives present. Item tabled until later.

C. WWU League of Vikings - \$190

Michael Chun said that the request is to hire world-class League of Legends player Jordan Twaites, AKA Leviathan, to coach the WWU League of Vikings for the North American Collegiate Championship next year. This player coached Complexity, a challenger team into the League Champion Series (LCS). He then went on to win the EU LCS with Alliance, and more recently did a really good job with Alliance in the World Championship. This is at a discount price, because his girlfriend goes to Western. Hayden said that hiring Twaites would require that he sign a contract, so he will need Twaites to meet with him, and to provide proper identification since he's not an American citizen.

Thaut asked how many members would be involved in training. Michael said ten. Thaut also asked what would result from the League of Vikings winning the championship. Michael said the prize would be a college scholarship for each member of the winning team, with a value of between 7.5 and 30 thousand dollars.

To address the possibility of a 30% tax, Alcantar Soto suggested that the council add in a safety net of \$60, with the stipulation that it comes back to the club if the tax does not apply.

Motion AC-14-F-55 by Alcantar Soto

Approval of a \$250 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU League of Vikings, with the stipulation that if the 30% tax does not apply, the amount is returned.

Second: Thaut Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

VII. Bookstore Donation Request

A. Korean Student Association - \$75

Alcantar Soto said the request is for the KSA Heritage Dinner; there are no records of this event held before, and Hayden said he believed this is the first time this club has held a Heritage Dinner. Salmond said that Heritage Dinners are usually very successful. Ode said that he has been considering the idea of the Right to Fail, where the Council grants only what is requested and not add extra based off of the councils' opinion of how much funds the club needs. While it's beneficial to get the amount right the first time, the Council should probably allow clubs to request what they wish, and if they still need more funds, they have that information for the future. Alcantar Soto said that even considering this, she would like to bump up the amount to \$100 so the club can afford two sweatshirts as door prizes, because the success of AS Clubs should take priority over allowing clubs to approach events with a trial-and-error mindset.

Motion AC-14-F-56 by Ibanez

Approval of \$100 from bookstore Donations to the Korean Student Association

Second: Salmond Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

VIII. Other Business

A. Conference Policy

Alcantar Soto said that the current Conference and VU Policies are outdated - in fact, it was approved in 2001 and hasn't been touched since - and so she has been working on ways to reform the Policy by updating or removing pieces from, until realizing that maybe the Conference and VU Policies are no longer needed for the Activities Council. Doltar said she didn't see a need to keep it since the important items on the Policy that do still apply to the Council are already expressed in other documents. Hayden said that the Activities Council used to have more jurisdiction, but has since moved away from a position where it generates its own policies, so these policies are now incredibly outdated

Motion AC-14-F-57 by Thaut

The recommendation to the Business Committee that the Conference Policy and VU Policy be terminated from AS Policy.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

Meeting adjourned by Giselle Alcantar Soto at 6:30 pm.