



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council
Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 3rd 2014

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), David Anderson (Student at Large)

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

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guest(s): Andrew Poppelaars (Deus Ex Machina: World of Darkness LARP Club), Mathew Paige, Trenton Browning (Viking Radio Theatre), Alia Tagieddiu, Reese Brown, Sarah Allaham (Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights), Tau Moses (Western Homeless Outreach), Nontawat Thammawum (WWU Badminton Club), Kenny Powers (Fairhaven Free Press), Eden Libby, Andrew Eckels, (WWU Students for Farmworker Justice), Katie Lodjic, Anna Smallbeck (WWU Students for Life)

Motions

AC-14-F-36 - Addition of Deus Ex Machina to Club Recognition, Item A.
- **PASSED**

AC-14-F-37 - Addition of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights to Club Recognition, item B - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-38 - Approval of the minutes from the 10-27-14 meeting -
PASSED

AC-14-F-39 - Approval of Name change request and Mission statement request for “Social Entrepreneur Society” to “Changemakers Club.” -
PASSED

AC-14-F-40 - Recognition of Deus Ex Machina: A world of Darkness Live Action Roleplaying Club as an official AS Club under the “Gaming” category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-41 - Recognition of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights as an official AS Club under the “Social Issues” category. - **PASSED**

AC-14-F-42 - Suspension of Rules of Operation in order to move the Fairhaven Free Press funding request from Information Item to Action Item.
- **PASSED**

AC-14-F-43 - Moving of the Fairhaven Free Press funding request from Information Items to Action Items, Item D. - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-44 - Move Information Item C, WWU Students for Life, for a \$180 underwrite, to Action Item F. - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-45 - Reinstate the Rules of Operation - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-46 - Approval of a \$150 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Badminton Club for the Badminton Open Tournament - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-47 - Approval of a \$180 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Homeless Outreach. - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-48 - Approval of a \$120 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrite to the Viking Radio Theatre Club - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-49 - Approval of a \$700 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Fairhaven Printing Press. - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-50 - Approval of a \$180 underwrite from Club Conference Funding to WWU Students for Life, with the stipulation that no more than \$36 is spent per person. - **PASSED**
AC-14-F-51 - Approval of the Rules of Operations 2014-2015 with the discussed edits. - **PASSED**

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm on November 3rd, 2014.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Motion AC-14-F-36 by Alcantar Soto
Addition of Deus Ex Machina to Club Recognition, Item A.
Second: Haffner Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

Motion AC-14-F-37 by Alcantar Soto

Addition of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights to Club Recognition, item B.
Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC-14-F-38 by Doltar
Approval of the minutes from the 10-27-14 meeting

III. Business Director’s Report

IV. Name Change Requests (action items)

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants / Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)	\$33,000	\$2,869	\$30,131	91.3%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$170	\$9,830	98.3%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$1890	\$2110	52.75%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$930	\$2,570	73.42%

V. Name Change Requests (action items)

A. Social Entrepreneur Society

Anyz Brown said that the Social Entrepreneur Society wants to change the name to “Changemakers Club” in order to revamp the club and change the name in the interest of rebranding the clubs’ public image to be more coherent and relatable. Ode asked if the mission statement is indeed the mission statement, because aside from the first statement, it sounded very much like a description of the club itself. Doltar said that she felt the statement seemed very unprofessional. Brown said that the club doesn’t want to be too serious, and wants to put more of a focus on being engaged and having fun, but they will rewrite the mission statement as required. Thaut asked if they intended to list the website inside the mission statement. Yes, because since Western became a Changemaker campus associated with Ahsoka U, they have been trying to make the association known to members. Alcantar Soto clarified that the question was because there already exists a section within the club profile where details such as a website could go. Brown said they will move it there and rewrite the mission statement. Ode said that he previously had concerns that the Statement Active Minds Changing Lives was a copyrighted Western statement, but after

looking into it, he found no restrictions. Brown said that Danica Kilander, the Change Leader Changemaker of WWU, personally asked them to include the statement. To recap the suggested changes, Ode asked that everything under “Who Can be a Changemaker” be moved into the Descriptions page, and the website URL should be listed on the website section. Hayden said he will take care of those changes via Orgsync.

Motion AC-14-F-39 by Ode

Approval of Name change request and Mission statement request for “Social Entrepreneur Society” to “Changemakers Club.” Friendly amendment by Alcantar Soto to approve as amended.

Second: Doltar Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

VI. Club Recognition

A. Deus Ex Machina: World of Darkness Live Action Role Playing club
Andrew Poppelaars said the club had existed previously as the Roleplaying: A Critical Failure club that stood as a venue for Live Action Role Playing, or LARPing. Due to some miscommunication, the club was removed from the list of active clubs, and the previous members decided to make a new club. Ode asked if this would be a financially active club. Poppelaars said no. Haffner asked about the amount of student interest the club has received. Poppelaars said there is a handful of students now, and naturally the amount has receded in the clubs’ absence, but people do enjoy roleplaying and improv, so they are hoping to rekindle the public interest by advertising to similar clubs. Thaut asked if they will need to make funding requests for any supplies. Poppelaars said there are plenty of supplies, so there will be no need. Alcantar Soto asked if there would be any collaboration with similar clubs, such as the Cosplay club. Poppelaars said that if there is mutual interest, they would be happy to collaborate.

Motion AC-14-F-40 by Salmond

Recognition of Deus Ex Machina: A world of Darkness Live Action Roleplaying Club as an official AS Club under the “Gaming” category.

Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights

Alia Tagieddiu SUPER is a student-led group devoted to raising awareness of the need for equal rights and justice for the Palestinian people. They already have a few events planned to address the human rights violations taking place in Palestine, as well as the general history of Palestine. They have talked to several clubs within the ESC to discuss collaboration. Ode asked how their planned events will benefit the club. Tagieddiu said that the focus is education and awareness of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, dispelling preconceptions people might have about the conflict and giving them an educated, visual view of actual events. Thaut recommended the club contact Jewish American Experiences professor Trevor Hoffman, because he might be interested in the topic and willing to help out. Alcantar Soto asked about student interest. Reese Brown reported that close to a hundred people showed interest at Info Fair

Motion AC-14-F-41 by Thaut

Recognition of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights as an official AS Club under the “Social Issues” category.

Second: Ode Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

VII. Information Items

A. Fairhaven Free Press - \$700

Kenny Powers said that the funding would go towards printing, fundraising, and advertising for the production of physical copies of the Fairhaven Free Press to be distributed to the student body.

Desiree Salmond said the advertisement would go towards making their own printed t-shirts, and the fundraising money would go towards a launch party that’s currently being planned. This is all meant to be a solid monetary foundation to help the club become self-sustaining; as a result of obtaining self-sustainability, the club would request lower amounts from the Council in the future.

Salmond said that the club is asking for almost half of what it’s asked in previous years. Alcantar Soto asked about the distribution methods the club plans on using. Salmond said they plan on distributing them personally, and they are contacting places in the hopes of getting them to distribute the papers at their official locations, such as Seattle. The physical copies will primarily be distributed in the local areas where most students hang out, and plans to begin circulation at other schools and the circulation of

their papers on the Western campus as well, as a sort of “paper swap” program. Ode asked how often the issues will come out, and what the minimum amount of issues Fairhaven Press could print each quarter. Salmond said that the current budget could afford between 1,100 and 1,200 issues, not including the possible funds from the launch event. Powers said it will be released once a quarter, and most of the issues, if not all, will be distributed right away, with a small held stock to ensure there’s some left. Haffner asked how they plan on raising money. Salmond said there is a meeting tonight where they will discuss this. So far, there are plans for a donation, silent auction, etc. Thaut asked how pieces or writers are selected for the 20 pages of every issue. Salmond said that they have independent study members who are receiving credit for their articles, but anyone who attends to meetings can have their articles printed. Powers said that decisions on which stories to print, and which stories to cut or only post online are made by consensus. Thaut asked for clarification on how many editors. Powers confirmed the number is 4. Salmond said the launch party ideally would be held before Thanksgiving break, but delays have caused time restraints.

Due to the fact that there will be no Activities Council meeting on the 10th on account of Veterans Day, and taking into consideration the amount of time available to the members of the Fairhaven Free Press, Alcantar Soto suggested that the Council suspend the Rules of Operations and move this Information Item to an Action Item for the current meeting. This is not a decision we make lightly, nor will it be one we make frequently; the Rules of Operation are crucial to maintaining the professionalism of the Council, and suspending them should only be considered on action such as this, where the clubs we represent have a tight and crucial deadline to meet.

Motion AC-14-F-42 by Alcantar Soto

Suspension of Rules of Operation in order to move the Fairhaven Free Press funding request from Information Item to Action Item.

Second: Doltar Vote: 5-0-1

Action: Passed

Motion AC-14-F-43 by Alcantar Soto

Moving of the Fairhaven Free Press funding request from Information Items to Action Items, Item D.

Second: Thaut

Vote: 5-0-1

Action: Passed

Motion AC-14-F-49 by Doltar

Approval of a \$700 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Fairhaven Printing Press.

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-1 Action: Passed

B. WWU Students for Farmworker Justice - \$1,000

Eden Libby said that the request is for a panel discussion where four farmworkers from Skagit County that are currently fighting to get a union contract to come and talk about their struggles. The funds would go towards paying each speaker \$250, because they come from Skagit and have never been compensated for their involvement in the event in the past. Ode said that considering their involvement in the past would be considered retroactive funding, which the council is not allowed to do. Thaut asked about the identities of the four local farmers. Libby said their names are Ramon, Filimone, Benito, and Ana, and they work for Berry Farms. Haffner asked Hayden if the council is allowed to fund childcare, which is an implied use of the funds used to pay the speakers. Hayden said that it should be fine, since the speaker fee is being paid directly to the speaker for their service, the request isn't directly granting a payment for childcare expenses. Doltar observed that the estimated numbers of attendees is 200, which is a very large amount. Libby said that usually they have a turnout of between 75 and 100 people, and this is through a minimal amount of advertising. Since this event will take place in winter quarter, they are going to begin advertising now in order to make the most of it. Haffner expressed concern over whether or not Arntzen 100 is enough to hold everyone interested in this event, and recommended that the club try to request Academic West 204, which holds around 170 people. Salmond pointed out that she has observed the club having a very positive effect on the issue of union equality. Ode asked for an example. Salmond reported that the clubs' support has given a lot of attention and generated support for the H2A application being pitched to the state government. Alcantar Soto asked if they are doing any current fundraising. Libby said they sell buttons and shirts at the Farmers Market on Saturdays, and they also go door-to-door. The money they raise goes to the farmworkers, but they could easily save the money for the event.

Alcantar Soto requested that, by next meeting, the representatives have the following information:

- 1) An explanation of how the club decided on the speaker fee of \$250

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

C. Western Washington Students For Life- \$3,637.60

Katie Lodjic said that the WWU Students for Life are asking for travel, lodging, registration and food funds for the West Coast Walk For Life and the Students For Life of America's West Coast National Conference, January 23rd-26th, where 3,000 marchers will march in San Francisco to demonstrate for pro-life, before hosting a national conference for every pro-life club in the country. Eight people are going so far, but there actually might not be that many going, and fundraisers held since the request were submitted have gone well, so the amount will be much less than requested. The estimate is that they would request somewhere around \$100 per person. The walk event is free, but there is a registration fee for the conference, and the meal costs came out at about \$10 per person. Salmond asked how many members are completely committed to going. Lodjic said three members are absolutely going, the other five are on the fence because they are not certain if they can afford it. Lodjic said that the march begins Saturday morning, so the club would fly out on Friday, spend the night, attend the walk, then attend the conference the next day, and then catch the plane back to Bellingham on Monday. Doltar asked what the conference registration fee is. Lodjic said that the normal cost is usually higher, but they can apply a discount if they buy the tickets soon.

Due to an uncertainty of numbers and an interest of time to reach the registration deadline, Ode suggested that they at least fund \$180 to confirm registration for the three people confirmed to be going for now, plus two extra members, and address the other chunks of the request later. Hayden said that Council policy dictates that they can only grant portions of the request related to the conference, not organized campaigns or protest situations like the march; while the Activities Council wants to support all clubs in their endeavors, they

Approval of a \$150 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Badminton Club for the Badminton Open Tournament

Second: Haffner Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Western Homeless Outreach - \$180

Ty Moses said that every quarter, the Be Our Guest event takes place, where students are able to guest in homeless people from around Bellingham into the Viking Commons. They are requesting \$180 in order to pay the Plain Clothes Officer, who is an officer in civilian clothes who is tasked with keeping an eye on things.

Alcantar Soto said that this event happens every quarter and is the only request they submit, and it's for a good cause because it keeps everyone safe.

Motion AC-14-F-47 by Thaut

Approval of a \$180 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Homeless Outreach.

Second: Ode Vote: 6-0-0

Motion: Passed

C. Viking Radio Theatre Club - \$120

Trenton Browning said that the request is for the annual budget in order to print the theatre scripts. This is an estimate and is also the clubs' newest attempt at locking down an annual script budget.

Thaut asked if there are plans to do the same number of scripts as last year. Browning said they actually have more scripts this year, and all costs of supplies last year are now going into printing costs. There are collaborations with KUGS this year, so scripts will need to be longer to fill up the complete episodes. Alcantar Soto reminded the club that some discounts apply for a large copy of something being printed.

Motion AC-14-F-48 by Salmond

Approval of a \$120 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrite to the Viking Radio Theatre Club.

Second: Haffner Vote: 6-0-0 Action: Passed

D. Changes to the Rules of Operation

Alcantar Soto said that the Policy page has now been edited to include all edits stated during the meeting of 10-27-14. Timelines from Funding Requests items b-d have been removed, because the

Timelines and Conference policies will be merging, and this information will now be found under Club Conference. Club Conference item A. Process, three weeks was changed to four weeks. Item B. Eligibility, addition of the line, “and are in good standing.” Item C, Criteria for Funding added. Addition of Item D. Full Circle Effect. Removal of 7. Definition of an Activity. Removal of item 3. Conference from AS Club Policy.

Desiree Salmond left the room at 6:45 pm.

IX. Other Business

A. Conference Policy

This Item will be tabled for the next meeting.

Motion AC-14-F-51 by Alcantar Soto

Approval of the Rules of Operations 2014-2015 with the discussed edits.

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

Meeting adjourned by Giselle Alcantar Soto at 7:00 pm