



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council**

**Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 26th 2015**

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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 (Club Representative), Emma Palumbo (Student At Large), Edward Cuevas (Club Representative) Alejandro Ibanez (Student at Large) Ashley Weyers (Student at Large)

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

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

**Guests:** Tyler Detrick (Foulplay: A Murder Mystery Club) Cameron Hays, Amelia Delaige (Rainbow Vikings), Walter Lutsch, Matthew Paige, Shelley Enell (Viking Radio Theatre), Michael Goldberg (Electronic Music Collective), Helen Pendergast, Quintín Viers (Western Billiards Club), Chris Hume (Investment Society), Brandon Ouellette, George Vadini (WWU Go Club), Devon Chandler, Anne McNamara, Carina Andrews (WWU Taynation), Chris Young (Chinese Student Association), Maddie Erickson (A Novel Idea), Bailey Kuntz, David Johnson (WWU Ping Pong Club), Amber Cheremsour, Alex Mahjarrez (WWU Stars and Stripes), Emma Burbank, Landon Wynne (CWMEA), Maddie Martin (Office of Sustainability), Sam Dzingle (Collegiate DECA), Meg Harris (Huxley Graduate Research Working Group)

**Motions**

**AC-15-W-10** - Approval of the minutes from the 1-12-15 meeting.

**AC-15-W-11** - Recognition of WWU Rainbow Vikings as an official AS Club under the “Social Issues” category.

**AC-15-W-12** - Recognition of the Investment Society as an Official AS Club under the “Academic Department.”

**AC-15-W-13** - Recognition of WWU Taynation as an official AS Club under the “Special Interests” category.

**AC-15-W-14** - Recognition of A Novel Idea as an official AS Club under the “Special Interests” category.

**AC-15-W-15** - Recognition of the WWU Ping Pong Club as an official AS Club under the “Recreational” category.

**AC-15-W-16** - Recognition of the WWU Electronic Music Collective as an official AS Club under the “Art, Music and Dance” category.

**AC-15-W-17** - Recognition of WWU Stars and Stripes as an official AS Club under the “Service” category.

**AC-15-W-18** - Approval of a \$1900 grant from Club Conference Funding to Collegiate DECA.

**AC-15-W-19** - Approval of a \$5700 underwrite from Grants Loans and Underwrites to Viking Radio Theatre, with the stipulation that all revenue from ticket sales and unused Council funds go to the Activities Council.

**AC-15-W-20** - Approval of a \$1,850 grant from Academic Conference funding to the Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association, with the stipulation that no more than \$31 be spent on each individual.

**AC-15-W-21** - Approval of a \$170 grant from Club Conference Funding to the WWU Go Club.

**AC-15-W-22** - Approval of a \$200 grant out of Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Western Billiards Club

**AC-15-W-23** - Approval of \$180 from Bookstore Donations to the Huxley Graduate Research Working Group.

**AC-15-W-24** Approval of \$200 from Bookstore Donations to the Black Student Union.

**AC-15-W-25** - Approval of \$200 in Bookstore Donations to the Chinese Student Association.

**AC-15-W-26** - Approval of \$450 in Bookstore Donations to the Residents Resource Awareness Program.

*Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Removal of Music Department bookstore donation request.

II. Approval of the Minutes- 1-12-15

**MOTION AC-15-W-10** by Thaut

Approval of the minutes from the 1-12-15 meeting.

Second: Ode Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

III. Business Director’s Report

Item tabled until the end of the meeting.

	<b>Original Balance</b>	<b>Funds Used</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Percent of original left</b>
<b>Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$4,199</b>	<b>\$28,801</b>	<b>87.3%</b>
<b>Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$9,650</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$1890</b>	<b>\$2110</b>	<b>52.75%</b>
<b>Book Store Donation Request</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$930</b>	<b>\$2,570</b>	<b>73.42%</b>

#### IV. Club Recognition

##### A. Rainbow Vikings

Amber Beane said that as a new Western student, she was excited to join an LGBTQA club, but none of them are active anymore. Rainbow Vikings will act as a social club for members of the queer community on campus, as well as their allies. Members will share ideas on what methods of activism and what events they would like to hold. Ode asked about the success of the clubs' recruitment of new members, and how they have been advertising. Beane said they had been meeting up unofficially with people who are interested, and there are 20 potential members, not including leadership members. There will be a table for Rainbow Vikings during the upcoming Club Showcase. Thaut asked if any club representatives have visited any classes offered on the subject as part of their recruitment. Beane said they had not, but they have a Facebook page used to advertise the club, and they advertised at a Queer Resources Center ice cream social awhile back.

Haffner asked about Rainbow Vikings' plans to create a lasting legacy to ensure that this club doesn't die out like the others. Cameron Hags said that the election process has members of the clubs' executive board hold the office for two years instead of one, to ensure that not all seats are vacated every year. There are five different officers for the club.

**MOTION AC-15-W-11 by Thaut**

Recognition of WWU Rainbow Vikings as an official AS Club under the “Social Issues” category.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

**B. Investment Society**

Chris Hume said this club is open to all students to inform them about investing and opportunities to build retirement plans. Haffner asked how the club will be advertising to non-Business students. Hume said that there will be fliers distributed on campus, and the club is interested in tabling during the upcoming Club Showcase. Alcantar Soto asked if the club would actually be involved in actual investments. Hume said no, that is not allowed. It is simply a place to discuss the methods of investment. Alcantar Soto asked about student interest in the club so far. Hume said that even though he hasn’t advertised it outside of related classes, there are 10 interested students.

**MOTION AC-15-W-12 by Cuevas**

Recognition of the Investment Society as an Official AS Club under the “Academic Department.”

Second: Thaut Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

**C. WWU Taynation**

Anna McNanara said that WWU Taynation is a club meant to recognize the beloved music idol Taylor Swift and her various pursuits outside of the music industry, such as her commitment to charity work, kindness, intelligence and compassion. The club already has 22 members. Alcantar Soto asked if the club would be interested in collaborating with the Appreciate Beyonce Club. McNanara said that if the club is still active, they would be happy to collaborate, since Beyonce and Taylor Swift have a very close-knit friendship in real life.

**MOTION AC-15-W-13 by Alcantar Soto**

Recognition of WWU Taynation as an official AS Club under the “Special Interests” category.

Second: Cuevas Vote: 8-0-1

Action: Passed

#### D. A Novel Idea

Maddie Erickson said that A Novel Idea is a book club that is open to all genres and authors. All the current members are English majors who want a more open book club that focuses on reading for fun, and gives a sort of responsibility to members to remember to read more books for pleasure. Thaut asked if the club would be focused specifically on books outside of a curriculum, and if the club would be at all focused on students writing their own novels. Maddie said it would be outside curriculums, and it would just be reading. Ode recommended that club members be very clear about this distinction between reading novels and writing novels. Ibanez asked how the club would engage its' readers. Erickson said they had Nancy Johnson expressing a desire to be the club advisor, and she will advertise to other English majors.

#### **MOTION AC-15-W-14** by Palumbo

Recognition of A Novel Idea as an official AS Club under the "Special Interests" category.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

#### E. WWU Ping Pong Club

David Johnson said that a very large ping pong community exists on campus, composed of some very talented players, but up until now there hasn't been an organized club for them to gather together. Thaut asked if the ping pong table would have to be rented for games. Bailey Kuntz said that there are two ping pong tables in the Fairhaven lounge. Palumbo asked if there were plans to hold a ping pong tournament. Johnson said that they would love to hold some tournaments once the club has been established and there is a good group of people. Alcantar Soto asked about how much funding they would need for equipment. Johnson said that they have paddles, and the equipment they would probably buy the most is ping pong balls.

#### **MOTION AC-15-W-15** by Thaut

Recognition of the WWU Ping Pong Club as an official AS Club under the "Recreational" category.

Second: Doltar Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

#### F. WWU Electronic Music Collective

Michael Goldberg said that the Electronic Music Collective is meant to be a community for fans of this particular music genre, as well as aspiring student producers, since two of the five officers of the club are producers of this music. There will be discussions on how to go about promoting yourself as an artist, and there will be occasional dance club events. Thaut asked about club interest. Goldberg said they will begin to advertise using social media, and a large group of his peers are interested. Ode recommended that, should the club get large enough, the Collective try to hold some collaborations or joint fundraisers with other clubs to save time and effort, and promote both clubs at the same time.

**MOTION AC-15-W-16** by Doltar

Recognition of the WWU Electronic Music Collective as an official AS Club under the “Art, Music and Dance” category.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

G. WWU Stars and Stripes

Amber Cheremsouk said that the club would be a community for veterans that would provide more knowledge and awareness about the US Military to the Western community as a whole. Cheremsouk is from a military family, and felt that it’s important for communities to understand the experiences of those who have served in our Armed Forces. Ode asked about the members’ familiarity with information about the military already provided by the university. Cheremsouk said she talked to Hayden the other day to familiarize herself with those things so the information they provide is accurate and new. Thaut asked if the club would be interested in providing movie showings or critiques, given the recent focus on the movie “American Sniper.” Cheremsouk said that there would be a definite interest in having movie events, discussions, or group critiques on war movies and their accuracy on the true military experience.

**MOTION AC-15-W-17** by Palumbo

Recognition of WWU Stars and Stripes as an official AS Club under the “Service” category.

Second: Cuevas Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Action Items

A. Collegiate DECA

Samuel Dzingle recapped the information from the previous meeting: DECA, in order to fulfill their objective of promoting professionalism, networking, and interviewing skills, is requesting funds to send 25 students to Victoria, Canada, for the Pacific Northwest Career Development Conference, from February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. This is an important event for DECA to attend because WWU is one of the only major universities to have a collegiate-level DECA chapter. Dzingle said the original amount being asked for was \$2500, but they are now requesting \$1900 since certain members are now unable to make it. The route they would be taking to get there has been finalized, and registrations are now closed. Ode reported that DECA received \$3000 from the Activities Council last year, so they have been approaching this request far more economically than in recent years.

**MOTION AC-15-W-18** by Weyers

Approval of a \$1900 grant from Club Conference Funding to Collegiate DECA

Second: Thaut Vote: 8-0-1

Action: Passed

**B. Viking Radio Theatre - \$4640**

Walter Lutsch summarized that the 1940's Murder Mystery Night is a great big collaborative event between Viking Radio Theatre, Foulplay: A Murder Mystery Club, and Swing Kids. There will be a catered meal, live performances, a murder mystery story performed by Foulplay members, and casino-style games. Lutsch said the event was specifically planned for March 6<sup>th</sup> to be far enough away from Finals Week that students would still be able to attend. The biggest concern for the event is getting a professional company to help provide professional equipment that keeps the atmosphere looking polished authentic, and a professional staff to oversee it. This has been a challenge because there are very few companies like this in the area, and not many of them have been keeping good contact with the club. Alcantar Soto asked if the company they have settle on now is trustworthy. Tyler Detrick said that this company, unlike the others, has been fairly punctual with its responses. Alcantar Soto also asked how critical is it that the event is staffed with professional equipment, as opposed to club members staffing it with handmade equipment. Lutsch reiterated that the professional, authentic, and polished atmosphere of the event is crucial, which is why they chose the location and put in the time contacting various companies. It is

imperative that the equipment look legitimate and is staffed by people who know what they're doing. Hayden said that the event sounds exceptional, and he believes that if the quality of this event is maximized, they could max out ticket sales. Lutsch said that the current ticket plan is as follows:

Early student = \$15 regular student = \$20

Early general = \$20 regular general = \$25

After a lengthy discussion about returns on ticket sales and underwrite money, as well as amount of funds being allotted to other aspects of the Western community, the Council decided on an amount of \$5700, in order to provide plenty of funds for the event and all its estimates, and the stipulation that all ticket sales revenue would go to the Council as well to make sure the Council had enough funds coming back to it.

**MOTION AC-15-W-19** by Alcantar Soto

Approval of a \$5700 underwrite from Grants Loans and Underwrites to Viking Radio Theatre, with the stipulation that all revenue from ticket sales and unused Council funds go to the Activities Council.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 9-0-1

Action: Passed

C. Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association - \$1850  
Emma Burbank summarized that the CWMEA is requesting funds for registration for the National Association for Music Education Northwest Division Conference in Spokane from February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The conference will feature a series of sessions led by the top Music Educators in the Northwest region. At this point, 60 people have signed up to go, which comes out to a little more than \$30 per person.

**MOTION AC-15-W-20** by Ode

Approval of a \$1,850 grant from Academic Conference funding to the Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association, with the stipulation that no more than \$31 be spent on each individual.

Second: Thaut Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

D. WWU Go Club - \$170

Brandon Ouellette said the club is requesting funds for travel expenses and entrance fees for five of their members to attend a Go tournament in Seattle, the only Go event in the Pacific Northwest that accurately rates



and matches up contestants according to skill level. The funds would go towards renting an SUV from WWU. Ode asked if it was an overnight trip. Ouellette said no, they would be back by the end of the day. Ode asked if there was a backup plan if the vehicle rental doesn't go through. Ouellette said he would likely pay for a local rental out of pocket in this case.

**MOTION AC-15-W-21** by Cuevas

Approval of a \$170 grant from Club Conference Funding to the WWU Go Club.

Second: Haffner Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

E. Western Billiards Club - \$200

Quintín Viers said that the club is requesting funds for a Billiards tournament on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The funds will be used for pizza and prizes. There is a \$5 buy in, and there are plans for a raffle/auction event. Alcantar Soto asked what the prizes were the previous years. Viers said it was mostly pool equipment such as new cues or cases. Ode offered the context that the Council approved \$500 last year, and that this is an event they are working on holding every quarter.

**MOTION AC-15-W-22** by Doltar

Approval of a \$200 grant out of Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Western Billiards Club

Second: Ibanez Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

VI. Bookstore Donation Request

A. Huxley Graduate Research Working Group - \$180

Huxley Group, along with the Western Graduate School and the Huxley College, is putting on a graduate conference on April 18<sup>th</sup> to promote graduate research on the Western campus, as well as undergraduate research. It will be an on-campus event, and will be expecting 50-75 attendees, and 30-40 presenters. The requested funds will go towards gift cards for the top presenters.

**MOTION AC-15-W-23** by Doltar

Approval of \$180 from Bookstore Donations to the Huxley Graduate Research Working Group.

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 8-0-1

Action: Passed

**B. Black Student Union - \$200**

The request is for the BSU Heritage Dinner for a sign-in auction, where the proceeds will be donated to a local organization that supports underprivileged black youth.

**MOTION AC-15-W-24 by Ibanez**

Approval of \$200 from Bookstore Donations to the Black Student Union.

Second: Thaut Vote: 9-0-0

Action: Passed

*Council member left the meeting at*

**C. Chinese Student Association - \$200**

The CSA is requesting funds for their Lunar New Year event. The funds will go toward prizes for a silent auction, where the proceeds will go to the Sean Humphrey House, a nonprofit organization in Bellingham that strives to improve quality of life for low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS.

**MOTION AC-15-W-25 by Doltar**

Approval of \$200 in Bookstore Donations to the Chinese Student Association.

Second: Palumbo Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

**D. Residents' Resource Awareness Program - \$500**

The requested funds will go towards the upcoming "Go For The Green" event to get prizes for the winner of the sustainability contests. Alcantar Soto said \$500 seemed like a high amount just the prizes, since it only benefits the winners of the event and not everyone that participates. Multiple Council members were more in favor of \$450, which was granted for this event last year.

**MOTION AC-15-W-26 Weyers**

Approval of \$450 in Bookstore Donations to the Residents Resource Awareness Program.

Second: Thaut Vote: 7-0-1

Action: Passed

## VII. Other Business

We received a funding request from the Music Department, which would be used to get tote bags, pens, and water bottles for prospective students. Council Policy states that we may only grant bookstore donation funds for current Western students, so the request has been passed along to Peg Godwin, General Manager of the Bookstore, who can approve the request.

Mini training for the Winter quarter will be held soon. Alcantar Soto will send out a Doodle.

*Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.*