



Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council

Meeting minutes for Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

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Present: Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP for Activities), Ashlyn

Doltar (AS Club Coordinator), Kaleb Ode (Assistant Business Director), Mason Thaut (Club Representative), Brita Palumbo (Student At Large), Ashley Weyers (Student at Large), Alex Ibanez (Student At Large)

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden (Coordinator of Student Activities), Alex (AS Club Support)

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Sean Rita (Young Americans for Liberty), Anna Magidson (Ritmo Latino Salsa Club), Elijah Lam (WWU Kendo Club), Jacob Goodman (R.A.D.D), Cole Leishman (Fly Fishing Club), Yuliya Ryballa (Personnel Office), Katrina Haffner (Western Libertarians) Alex LaVelle (Student At Large)

**Motions**

**AC-15-W-39** - Approval of the minutes from the 2-9-15 meeting.

**AC-15-W-40** - Approval of the name change of “Ritmo Latino Salsa Club” to “WWU Salsa & Bachata Dance Club.”

**AC-15-W-41** - Recognition of the WWU Kendo Club as an official AS Club under the “Recreation” category.

**AC-15-W-42** - Recognition of Running Against Drunk Driving as an official AS Club under the “Recreation” category.

**AC-15-W-43** - Approval of a \$290 Grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the WWU Fly Fishing Club.

**AC-15-W-44** - Approval of \$150 in bookstore donations to the Vietnamese Student Association.

**AC-15-W-45** - Approval of \$100 in bookstore donations to the AS Personnel Office. - **DENIED**

**AC-15-W-46** - Approval of \$75 in bookstore donations to the AS Personnel Office. - **PASSED**

*Kaleb Ode, Co-chair acting as Chair in Giselle Alcantar Soto's stead, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm on February 23rd, 2015.*

I. Approval of the Minutes- 2-9-15

**Motion AC-15-W-39** by Thaut

Approval of the minutes from the 2-9-15 meeting.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

II. Business Director's Report

	<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>\$19,558</b>	<b>\$13,442</b>	<b>40.73%</b>
<b>Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$6,260</b>	<b>\$3,740</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Book Store Donation Request</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$2,710</b>	<b>\$790</b>	<b>22.57%</b>

III. Name Change Requests

A. Ritmo Latino Salsa Club

Anna Magidson said that when the Salsa Club was formed a few years ago, the founders believed the name was clever, because it translates to "Spanish Rhythm." Now, the club members believe that the name should be changed for publicity's sake, since many people have mistaken the salsa dance form as the food salsa, and since the clubs formation, they have also deeply incorporated the Bachata dance style, so this new name better reflects the club. Publicity under the new name has already been well received.

**Motion AC-15-W-40** by Doltar

Approval of the name change of "Ritmo Latino Salsa Club" to "WWU Salsa & Bachata Dance Club."

Second: Ibanez Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

#### IV. Club Recognition

##### A. WWU Kendo Club

Elijah Lam said that the WWU Kendo Club focuses on the Japanese sport of fencing, and he believes that the sport should have a club on campus, as it promotes the values of hard work, discipline, and courtesy, all values that the Western campus would appreciate. Palumbo asked about club interest. Lam said that at least ten people have shown an interest simply from spreading word of mouth. Thaut asked about the kind of club space the club would need for training/events. Lam said that any space with both high ceilings and wood flooring would be ideal, such as a spot in the Ree Center or Carver Gym. Thaut asked if the club would provide equipment for the club. Lam said that Kendo beginners only require a fencing pole, and the club would be able to provide all additional equipment. Lam also anticipates that funding will be needed for such equipment, but fundraisers should make that easy.

##### **Motion AC-15-W-41** by Palumbo

Recognition of the WWU Kendo Club as an official AS Club under the “Recreation” category.

Second: Weyers Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

##### B. Running Against Drunk Driving

Jacob Goodman said that R.a.d.d is a group formed by a friend of his, who was hit by a drunk driver and, after being in a coma for three weeks, made a miraculous recovery and ran in a 5K three months later. The group is meant to reach college students nationwide, who make up the highest demographic of drunk driving and DUI cases, and help discourage drunk driving. One of the events planned by the group is a 5K to raise awareness of the group and its intent. Thaut asked if they had thought about collaborating or joining with the Bellingham Night Life, a group that promotes how to be safe and aware of possible dangers in Bellingham at night. Goodman said he was unaware of this group, but would be willing to collaborate with them in the future. Palumbo asked about other events the club is planning to promote their cause. Goodman said that his friend has been setting up 5K’s all around the country to bring awareness, and there is also plans for an event that works in tandem with local police called the “R.A.D.D: Running From The Police 5K.” The BPD is fine with the name, because this is for a good cause, and promotes a healthy relationship

between civilians and local law enforcement after the negativity of last years' riots on Indian Street.

**Motion AC-15-W-42** by Thaut

Recognition of Running Against Drunk Driving as an official AS Club under the "Recreation" category.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Action Items

A. WWU Fly Fishing Club - \$290

Cole Leishman said that the club is requesting funds for an event called Fly Tying Night, during which all club members practice how to tie their lines for Fly Fishing. There are four Tie Nights planned, each night having a different theme of Fly Tie associated with it; the first night already held was ties used in lakes, the others are saltwater flies, dry flies, and wet flies. For the one Fly Tying event that was already held, Leishman paid \$47.01 for materials, and 14 members showed up, which was more than they were prepared to have, so they are requesting funds so they will have enough materials to serve all members who attend this time around. Ode noticed that a "reimbursement" amount of \$47.01 was listed on the expenses, and informed Leishman that the Activities Council is not allowed to do retroactive funding, and the club would have to do fundraising in order to reimburse a member who paid out of pocket. Ode stated that although Fly Fishing Club is a relatively new club, they have already shown success with their events, and their funds tend to go a long way, given the materials they will be purchasing. Doltar was in favor of granting the full amount.

**Motion AC-15-W-43** by Doltar

Approval of a \$290 Grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the WWU Fly Fishing Club.

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

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, arrived at 5:29 pm. Kaleb Ode passed the Chair authority on to her.

VI. Bookstore Donation Request

A. Vietnamese Student Association - \$150

The VSA is requesting bookstore donation funds for their Heritage Dinner. Thaut asked what the funds would go towards. Alcantar Soto said it would cover the silent auction at the event.

**Motion AC-15-W-44** by Weyers

Approval of \$150 in bookstore donations to the Vietnamese Student Association.

Second: Ode Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

B. AS Personnel Office - \$250

The AS Personnel Office is requesting funds for their End of the Year banquet, in order to fund the centerpieces for every table, which will be given away at the end of the event. After looking into the Activities Council archives, Hayden said that the event was denied last year. Alcantar Soto said that the reasoning for this choice was that the Personnel Office had their own budget, and the Council was seeing three other requests who would have greater need of Activities Council Funds. Hayden recommended that this year's request not be viewed as a matter of club request vs. not-club requests. Alcantar Soto said that she did not feel as if centerpieces were the best use of Council funds. Ibanez said he felt \$50 would be a more appropriate amount. Ode suggested \$0.

Because this is an event only paid AS employees could attend, so it didn't feel appropriate funding prizes for it. Alcantar Soto suggested \$100, and Doltar suggested \$150.

**Motion AC-15-W-45** by Doltar

Approval of \$100 in bookstore donations to the AS Personnel Office.

Second: Thaut Vote: 2-4-0

Action: Denied

Ode suggested the middle ground of \$75.

**Motion AC-15-W-46** by Ibanez

Approval of \$75 in bookstore donations to the AS Personnel Office.

Second: Doltar Vote: 3-2-1 Action: Passed

VII. Other Business

Alcantar Soto said that a new policy is being worked on, which, if passed, would have the Activities Council responsible for allocating large event funds for AS programming offices. These funds would come from the

Large Event Loan Fund, which has more or less gone untouched and inaccessible for three years.

*Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.*