



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 9th 2015

Present: Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP for Activities), Ashlyn Doltar (AS Club Coordinator), Kaleb Ode (Assistant Business Director), Mason Thaut (Club Representative), Emma Palumbo (Student At Large), Edward Cuevas (Club Representative) Ashley Weyers (Student at Large)

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

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Meg Harris (Huxley Graduate Research Working Group), Jasmine Strode (Demography Club), Morgan Haskins (WWU Philosophy Club), Kenny Powers (Fairhaven Free Press) John Lee (Laughs At Funny Sketches) Sophi Perkins (Surfrider Club), Laura Hamilton (WWU Students for Hillary)

Motions

AC-15-W-31 - Approval of the minutes from the 2-2-15 meeting.

AC-15-W-32 - Recognition of WWU Students for Hillary as an official AS Club under the "Political" category.

AC-15-W-33 - Approval of a \$1,040 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Huxley Graduate Research Working Group

AC-15-W-34 - Approval of \$1,300 to the Fairhaven Free Press.

AC-15-W-35 - Approval of a \$2,015 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites for the WWU Philosophy Club

AC-15-W-36 - Approval of \$590 from Academic Conference funding and \$200 from Club Conference funding for the Demography Club

AC-15-W-37 - Approval of a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Surfrider Club.

AC-15-W-38 - Approval of a \$200 grant to Laughs At Funny Sketches.

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm on February 9th, 2015.

I. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION AC-15-W-31 by Doltar

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

Second: Thaut Vote: 7-0-1

Action: Passed

II. Business Director's Report

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)	\$33,000	\$14,659	\$18,341	55.58%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$6,050	\$93,950	39.9%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$3,410	\$590	14.75%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$2,710	\$790	22.57%

III. Club Recognition

A. WWU Students for Hillary

Laura Hamilton said the club would be an extension of the Hillary Clinton super PAC that would operate on the Western campus. The club will be focusing on finding and recruiting students who would be interested in supporting Hillary, and when she decides to officially announce her intent to run for president in 2016, the members will actively support her campaign on campus and in the Bellingham area. Ode asked what the club would do in the event that Hillary does not run for president or is not selected to be the Democratic candidate. Hamilton said the club would instead support the chosen Democratic candidate. Haffner asked what actions the club would be taking until elections begin. Hamilton said the club will be tabling to find supporters, hold meetings to gather interested students and have discussions, and other events to bring awareness to the club. Thaut asked about the amount of student interest being shown in the club. Hamilton said club interest has been very strong; there are two founding members, and at least 20 more students who are interested.

Alcantar Soto asked for clarity about how the club aligns itself with a super PAC. Hamilton said that they are working directly with someone who represents the Hillary Clinton super PAC, and through the club, the PAC will send information to the club about the campaign, and the club will send the PAC the contact information for club members interested in supporting the campaign.

MOTION AC-15-W-32 by Thaut

Recognition of WWU Students for Hillary as an official AS Club under the “Political” category.

Second: Doltar Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

IV. Action Items

A. Huxley Graduate Research Working Group - \$1037.26

To recap information, Meg Harris said that Huxley is holding a Graduate Student Conference on April 18th for all disciplines. The group is hoping to reach out to all campus departments to get presenters, in order to accurately represent, share, and promote all graduate research currently being conducted on the Western campus. The club is currently working on inviting other interested colleges to attend the event. Harris said that homework items assigned to the club last meeting have been addressed; reservations were made on both the large table inside the Viking Union and the banner space at Miller Hall for the purpose of advertising the conference. Attendance-wise, the club is expecting 50-75 people, and they will know for sure when people start submitting their papers. Last year, there was 40 people in attendance, but that was Back To Bellingham weekend; this year, the conference does not coincide with any other big event to draw focus away from it. Harris met with the Huxley Dean’s office to discuss matters of funding, and although they are supportive of the event, they have funded many others this year and do not yet feel ready to contribute monetarily.

MOTION AC-15-W-33 by Doltar

Approval of a \$1,040 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Huxley Graduate Research Working Group

Second: Weyers Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Fairhaven Free Press - \$1,300

Kenny Powers said that the Fairhaven Free Press is requesting \$1,300 to cover the cost of printing the Free Press for the next two quarters. There has been an influx in articles being written this quarter, so the page count of each issue has been raised to 24 to ensure that everyone's voices are represented. If the funds allow, the Press would also like to increase the amount of copies produced to 1,200. An event is being planned at the Alternative Library in order to help make the Press self-sustaining. An album will be released soon, with the proceeds also going towards self-sustainability for the Fairhaven Free Press. Ode asked about the usual means of distribution for copies of the paper. Powers said the papers are distributed across campus in designated spots and sitting areas, members will sometimes hand them out, and some have been given to local businesses.

MOTION AC-15-W-34 by Weyers

Approval of \$1,300 to the Fairhaven Free Press.

Second: Cuevas Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

C. WWU Philosophy Club - \$2,015

Morgan Haskins said that, after receiving feedback from the last meeting, looked into the participation of people at the event last year. There were no exact numbers to draw from, but based off of the room used by the speakers last year, Haskins estimated that around 65 people attended the event, a majority of which were Western students. Club members involved with the event discussed whether or not it would be appropriate to charge attendees for food, and the feedback mostly agreed that it would be preventative for some attendees who already would be paying a lot just to register and reach the event. After considering different ways to lower the cost of food in the budget, Haskins believed she could reduce the food cost from \$600 to \$500. Haskins contacted Rudy's pizza, where the club holds its meetings, in an attempt to gain them as a food sponsor. No word has been received from Rudy's yet.

At 5:44 pm, the fire alarm went off and the Activities Council had to vacate the meeting space. The meeting was resumed at 6:10 pm.

MOTION AC-15-W-35 by Weyers

Approval of a \$2,015 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites for the WWU Philosophy Club

Second: Palumbo

Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passed

D. Demography Club - \$600

Jasmine Strode said that funding is being requested so four chosen Sociology majors can present their research at the Pacific Sociological Conference this April in Long Beach, California. It is a great honor to be chosen to attend this event, and a great opportunity for both Graduates and Undergraduates to meet and converse with important members of the Sociological community. Last week, one of the homework items was finding out how much funding the club was receiving from the Sociology Department. Strode said that the Department will be funding \$350 per person attending the event. Strode reminded the Council that each member is willing to pay out of pocket for the \$55 registration fee. Last year, the event was held in Portland, so transportation will be more costly this year to get to Long Beach. The Council discussed how the event is requesting a bit more than is usually approved for requests of this nature. Ode said that this event holds a lot of weight, as it directly influences the education of Western students, and that might distinguish this event enough that it can be granted more funds than it usually would. Alcantar Soto said that the Council should not place value on the events themselves. Hayden said that it might be prudent to consider how much students pay out of pocket for an event, and how much additional support they will need to have a successful time attending the event.

MOTION AC-15-W-36 by Palumbo

Approval of \$590 from Academic Conference funding and \$200 from Club Conference funding for the Demography Club

Second: Thaut

Vote: 8-0-0 Action: Passed

E. Surfrider Club - \$300

Sophi Perkins said that Surfrider Club wants to hold a movie event in early Spring in order to spread awareness of sharks and the threats facing their ecosystems, and engage students in issues of marine conservation. The movie would be Sharkwater, a documentary on the true nature of sharks. The requested funds would be to cover the rights

of the movie. Ode wanted to know how the club was doing since being approved as an AS Club. Perkins said there aren't many members right now, but Freshman interest is looking good, and the three club leaders have been advertising to others. Ode asked if this would be a one-time usage fee for the movie. Perkins said yes, it would only last for the event. Alcantar Soto asked how the club plans on advertising the event. Perkins said they will be tabling in Red Square, using social media, and putting up advertisements around campus in approved spots.

MOTION AC-15-W-37 by Doltar

Approval of a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Surfrider Club.

Second: Ibanez Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

F. Laughs at Funny Sketches - \$244

John Lee is requesting money to cover the fee of renting the Old Main Theatre for the Winter Quarter Laughs at Funny Sketches show. Doltar asked if the club has considered having a cover fee for the show. Lee said they have considered it, but the club is not yet at the stage where they are well-known enough to feel comfortable charging the audience.

MOTION AC-15-W-38 by Ibanez

Approval of a \$200 grant to Laughs At Funny Sketches.

Second: Palumbo

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: Passed

Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm