



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council**

**Meeting minutes for Monday, March 2nd, 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)**

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

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

**Guests: Marcus Toomey, Abby Schmidt (WWU Quidditch), Andrew Barta (MISA), Delaney Knight, Jenifer Tran (Student Marketing Association), Michaela Trulson, Chad Spady (WWU Wakeboarding Club)**

Motions

**AC-15-W-10** - Approval of the minutes from the 2-23-15 meeting.

**AC-15-W-11** - Suspend the Rules of Operation for the Information Item of Student Marketing Association to treat it as an Action Item.

**AC-15-W-12** - Approval of a \$600 grant from Club Conference funding to the Student Marketing Association.

**AC-15-W-13** - Suspend the Rules of Operation for the Information Item of WWU Quidditch to treat it as an Action Item.

**AC-15-W-14** - Approval of a \$1,980 underwrite from Club Conference funding to WWU Quidditch, with the stipulation that it be used for hotel rooms and registration for the event.

**AC-15-W-15** - Addition of Western Society of Magicians request for \$75 under Action Items as Item A.

**AC-15-W-16** -

**AC-15-W-17** - Approval of \$200 in bookstore donation funds to the Khmer Student Association.

*Kaleb Ode, Co-chair acting as Chair in Giselle Alcantar Soto's stead, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm on March 2nd, 2015. Advisor Casey Hayden was also absent, because he was stuck in an elevator.*

I. Revisions to the Agenda

**Motion AC-15-W-15** by Alcantar Soto

Addition of Western Society of Magicians request for \$75 under Action Items as Item A.

Second: Thaut Vote: 5-0-1

Action: Passed

II. Approval of the Minutes- 2-23-15

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

Approval of the minutes from the 2-23-15 meeting.

Second: Palumbo

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

III. Business Director's Report

Ode said that Western Libertarians returned \$900 of the underwrite approved to them by the Council from Club Conference funding, which is why the current balance has increased.

	<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>\$19,848</b>	<b>\$13,152</b>	<b>39.89%</b>
<b>Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,360</b>	<b>\$4,640</b>	<b>46.4%</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>\$2,935</b>	<b>\$565</b>	<b>16.25%</b>

IV. Club Recognition

A. NAMI on Campus WWU

No representative was present. Item tabled until next meeting.

V. Action items

A. Western Washington Society of Magicians - \$75

Alcantar Soto said that the Society received \$75 earlier this quarter for publicity, and Alcantar Soto executively approved this request. She cannot grant two executive requests for the same request, so now the request must be taken to the Council. Doltar said that the club president has shown a lot of passion and dedication to advertising the club, and the funds would be put to good use on getting the word out to Western students about the club.

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

Approval of a \$75 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Society of Magicians

Second: Palumbo

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

VI. Information Items

A. MISA - \$1350

Casey Hayden arrived at 5:15 pm

Andrew Barta said that MISA is requesting funds for the annual WISC event: the Western Information Systems Connection is a three-hour event that celebrates the Management Information Systems and allows students within this particular major to meet with business professionals and connect with the industry. The event will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and it has been very successful in the past three years it has been held; 80 students out of the 120-large MIS major attended, and around 45 business professionals attended, many of which are returning this year. This formation of this event helped save the once-dwindling department when it was formed five years ago. Barta said that attending the second and third-annual event was what got him interested in the major. Thaut asked if the club has any plans to get more funds, should the Council be unable to fund the full amount. Barta said that the club is still reaching out to other sponsors, including western alumni from the MIS program. Ode asked about what the requested funds would go towards. Barta said it would cover the cost of catering, because they want the attendees to be well-fed during the event. Thaut asked how many speakers will be performing at this event. Barta said that usually it's been one keynote and two or three smaller speakers, but this year there will be three keynote speakers, and one smaller speaker, who was one of the people

involved with planning the first ever WISC event to come back and discuss how much the event has evolved since its inception.

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

B. Socialist Alternative - \$2,150

Jordan Quinn said that the Socialist Alternative is going to bring well known poet and social activist Jared Paul to Western for an event. Paul is planning on going on a West Coast tour this Spring, and, understanding that his social ideology syncs up well with the Socialist Alternative and the general Western populace, would like to have a spoken-word performance on campus separate from his tour, where he would share some of his work and then engage attendees with discussions on the meaning behind his work. This would be the biggest event the Socialist Alternative has ever planned, as well as the most funds they have ever requested from the Council. Ashlin Green said that the Alternative has been looking into performers in the area to potentially have them volunteer to take part in the event, but that plan is in preliminary stages. Ode suggested that, should they want to find more performers, nearby Vancouver has a number of well-known spoken word poets. The event would be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held in the Comm Facility. Thaut asked how long the event would last. Quinn said that 2 to 2-and-a-half hours is usually how long these performances take. Ode asked for reminder on the purpose of the \$450 the Socialist Alternative requested earlier in the year. Quinn said it was for the purpose of hiring a speaker from their Seattle Council Office to come speak on socialism and the International Workers Movement. The event turnout was not as good as they wanted it to be, but it was a very beneficial event. Ode asked for clarification on the turnout. Quinn said 30 or 40 people. Doltar asked what they wanted the turnout to be. Quinn said 40-60, so the difference wasn't that big. Ode asked about the attendance he'd like to see at this particular event. Quinn said they would hope to have somewhere around 100. Thaut asked if there is any flexibility when it comes to the speaker fee. Quinn said this is an amount Paul has worked out with his agents, but it's more flexible because Paul is the one who came to them and suggested the event.

Hayden suggested the following homework items:

1. Receive event planning tips from Club Hub staff
2. Get details on specifically what sort of setup Jared Paul will need to perform

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

C. Student Marketing Association - \$1000

Jenifer Tran said that the Student Marketing Association is preparing the upcoming Market Mix Conference being held on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Bellevue. The conference gathers speakers and executives from all over to network between those involved in the Marketing business, and the club is requesting funds for the registration fees. The fees are \$100 per person, but they are currently negotiating whether or not they can get the “Early Bird” reduced price at \$80 per person; in which case, the request would only be \$600. Tran said that 7 members are confirmed to be going so far. Ode said that in order for the SMA to get the Early Bird price, the Council would have to suspend the Rules of Operation now and make a motion now, and then contact the people responsible for negotiating the price.

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, arrived at 5:30 pm. Kaleb Ode passed the Chair authority on to her.

**Motion AC-15-W-11** by Alcantar Soto

Suspend the Rules of Operation for the Information Item of Student Marketing Association to treat it as an Action Item.

Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

**Motion AC-15-W-12** by Doltar

Approval of a \$600 grant from Club Conference funding to the Student Marketing Association.

Second: Thaut Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

D. WWU Quidditch - \$2000

Abby Schmidt said that the Quidditch team is getting prepared for the Quidditch World Cup, which will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This event is very important for the Western Quidditch team, because this has been a very good year for them; they were recognized as an official team, and have built a reputation as a team full of talented, respectful players who exemplify good sportsmanship. Schmidt said that

the team has been to three tournaments this year, and they will be going to Tukwila for regionals this upcoming weekend. The funds being requested will cover the attendance of around 18 members for hotel reservations. Marcus Toomey said that the club is cutting every corner possible to make sure the event is affordable for all members. The only corner that cannot be cut is hotel prices, because the organization hosting the event will only allow competitors to stay in a number of pre-selected hotels in Rock Hill. Fundraisers have been successful, with a number of interested sponsors, and the Indiegogo page already receiving \$2,100 of its \$5,000 goal. Ode said that hotel and registration fees are set, so that's the minimum amount of funds the club would need. Hayden said there is also the projection of how many of the 18 members will actually be going, because that would change the amount of 4-bedroom rooms needed to be reserved. Schmidt wanted to mention that the Western Quidditch team will not be eligible until they win their upcoming match at Regionals. However, they are very confident that they will, because they have been performing steadily above the competition all year; the Western Quidditch team is currently ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 168 teams nationwide, and they have been scoring in the top 3 at every event. Alcantar Soto said that it wouldn't be a problem, because they would be giving the club an underwrite, so they could just give the money back to the Council.

Alcantar Soto asked the Council if it would feel comfortable with suspending the Rules of Operations for this item and vote on it, so the club can avoid paying more for fluctuating air fare and hotel prices. Toomey said that the hotel prices are set, but plane tickets could fluctuate depending on price and what sort of frequent flyer miles are received. Toomey also said there would be a bit of a time crunch between members wanting to know how much they need to pay and the verdict on how well fundraisers and sponsors performed.

**Motion AC-15-W-13** by Ode

Suspend the Rules of Operation for the Information Item of WWU Quidditch to treat it as an Action Item.

Second: Doltar Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

**Motion AC-15-W-14** by Weyers

Approval of a \$1,980 underwrite from Club Conference funding to WWU Quidditch, with the stipulation that it be used for hotel rooms and registration for the event.

Second: Palumbo

Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

E. WWU Wakeboarding Club - \$4783

Michaela Trulson and Chad Spady said that the Wakeboarding Club will be attending the College Wakeboarding Championships from April 16-19 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Trulson estimated that about 15 members will be attending, and the requested funds would cover hotel costs, competition fees, and travel expenses. Trulson said that they haven't been a club/ team for very long, but they have experienced a swell in popularity, now boasting over 100 club members. If they perform well at this national championship, the clubs' reputation will increase further. They also have a number of sponsors that were willing to provide funds, but they declined, because Wakeboarding Club will be holding a bigger event later this year that they would like to save those funds for instead. Ode asked how the club will ensure that Western's reputation is upheld and protected as the team visits Las Vegas. Trulson said that she and Spady are the only members that are 21, and the members are all very professional and sportsmanlike, with a desire to perform to the best of their ability and properly represent Western. They do not foresee any issues of character during this event.

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

VII. Bookstore Donation Request

A. Khmer Student Association - \$200

KhSA requested bookstore donation funds to go towards the silent auction during their Heritage Dinner. Which will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the VU Multipurpose Room.

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

Approval of \$200 in bookstore donation funds to the Khmer Student Association.

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 6-0-0

Action: Passed

*Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm*