



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting minutes for Monday, April 20th, 2015

Present: Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP for Activities), Ashlyn Doltar (AS Club Coordinator), Kaleb Ode (Assistant Business Director), Ashley Weyers (Student at Large) Eddie Cuevas (Student At Large) Alex Lavallee (Student At Large)
Advisor(s): Casey Hayden (Coordinator of Student Activities)
Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant to Club Committees)
Guests: Joyce V. (Kendo Club), Garrett Briones (Flow Club), Sean Rita (Young Americans for Liberty), Kate Harrison (Students for Fire Ecology), Lindsey Gard Aly Wood (Capoeira Club), Amber Cheremsak, Alex Manjarrez (WWU Stars & Stripes), Elijah Lam (Kendo Club), Katie Lodjic, Meghan Scrimgear (WWU Students for Life), Savannah Roberts (To Write Love On Her Arms), Sarah Rothgeb (Middle Women of WWU)

Motions

- AC-15-SPR-37** - Approval of the minutes from the 4-13-15 meeting.
- AC-15-SPR-38** - Recognition of the Flow Club as an official AS Club under the “Arts Music and Dance” category.
- AC-15-SPR-39** - Recognition of Western Washington University Young Americans for Liberty as an official AS Club under the “political” category.
- AC-15-SPR-40** - Approval of a \$2,200 Underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Capoeira Club, with the stipulation that all revenue is sent back to the Activities Council.
- AC-15-SPR-41** - Approval of a \$155 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to “To Write Love On Her Arms.”
- AC-15-SPR-42** - Approval of a \$275 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the WWU Kendo Club.
- AC-15-SPR-43** - Approval of a \$120 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology.
- AC-15-SPR-44** - Approval of a \$150 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Middle Women of Western Washington University.
- AC-15-SPR-45** - Approval of a \$135 grant Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU Students for Life.

AC-15-SPR-46 - Approval of \$165 in bookstore donation funds to “To Write Love On Her Arms.”

AC-15-SPR-47 - Approval of \$150 in bookstore donation funds to WWU Stars and Stripes.

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm on April 20th, 2015.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Doltar said that the Student Economics Association no longer needs funding, so Information Item A was removed from the agenda.

Alcantar Soto said that the funding request from Capoeira Club request is for \$1,700, not \$1,900.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC- 15-SPR-37 by Doltar

Approval of the minutes from the 4-13-15 meeting.

Second: Weyers Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

III. Business Director’s Report

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FXXGRN)	\$33,000	\$23,345	\$9,655	29%
Club Conference Funding (FXXCLC)	\$10,000	\$10,045	(45)	0%
Academic Conference Funding (FXXACC)	\$4,000	\$3,220	\$780	20%
Book Store Donation Request	\$3,500	\$3,185	\$315	8%

IV. Club Recognition

A. Flow Club

Garrett Briones said that Flow Club is meant to be a collection of students that practice the meditation form known as “flow arts,” which encourages self-expression through use of props and movement. Club members would like to meet up regularly with the necessary props in order to perform, meditate, and express themselves in a comfortable, judgement-free environment. Alcantar Soto asked about the level of interest shown by the student body. Briones said that there is already a large group of students that already meet up regularly to have a potluck before informally practicing flow arts, and their numbers grow every day. This request would formally recognize this gathering as an official club. Alcantar Soto asked if the club would be willing to collaborate with Mindfulness Club. Briones said he would be very willing to do so, as the groups seem to share the same objectives and focuses.

Motion AC- 15-SPR-38 by Ode

Recognition of the Flow Club as an official AS Club under the “Arts Music and Dance” category.

Second: Weyers Vote 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Western Washington University Young Americans for Liberty

Sean Rita said that WWUYAL is a socialist conservative organization that chooses to focus more on the activism of socialism, whereas Western Libertarians focuses on the philosophy of socialism. The clubs are aligned with one another, but act separately due to the difference in mission objectives. Weyers asked what this clubs’ connection to the National organization would be. Rita said that there would be membership fees, but they are not mandatory; they are only in order to gain the free resources the organization provides. Alcantar Soto asked why the existing club did not choose to adopt the mission objectives of WWUYAL, and focused only on the socialist theology. Rita said that it was simply a matter of preference; the current leadership of Western Libertarians did not desire to focus on the activism aspect of socialism, so an additional club was created to fill this need.

Motion AC- 15-SPR-39 by Weyers

Recognition of Western Washington University Young Americans for Liberty as an official AS Club under the “political” category.

Second: Doltar Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

C. Western Scholars Club

No representatives present. Item tabled for next meeting, or until a representative arrives.

V. Action Items

A. WWU Capoeira Club - \$1700

Lindsey Gard said that since the last meeting, Capoeira Club contacted the Salsa Club and African Caribbean Club. They will be advertising the event, but they have not discussed funding yet. They will also be contacting Bate-Papo. They have also been put on the back-To-Bellingham schedule. They are very hesitant to lower the amount being paid to the teachers, because they have done and will be doing a lot of hard work for the event. After reworking and discussing the budget, the council decided upon approving additional funds in order to ensure that the club will have enough money for the event, and that the Activities Council will receive all revenue from the event.

Motion AC-15-SPR-40 by Doltar

Approval of a \$2,200 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to Capoeira Club, with the stipulation that all revenue is sent back to the Activities Council.

Second: Weyers Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. To Write Love On Her Arms - \$200

Savannah Roberts said that this club encourages hope, recovery, and awareness for suicide, depression, anxiety, addiction, and self harm among college students. On May 9th, the club will be hosting its annual 5K, "Love Moves." It is a free event that raises awareness for suicide. The requested funds would go towards publicity and various supplies needed to hold a 5K, such as chalk, tape, running bibs, pins, and colored ribbons meant to represent the runner's relationship to suicide. Ode said that since the club has already put in an order with the Publicity Center, the publicity portion of the request would count as retroactive funding, which the council is unable to approve. Roberts said that the organization associated with To Write Love On her Arms created a film on how the organization was founded, and showing rights would cost \$30. If the publicity amount cannot be covered, she asked if the \$30 could be added in its place, making the requested

amount \$155. Alcantar Soto said that would work. Alcantar Soto asked how many people attended the 5K last year. Roberts said 80, so they would be expecting around the same number of people or more. Ode asked about what the bookstore donation request that the club also submitted would be used for. Roberts said that the bookstore donation request would be for a series of small prizes to thank people for participating.

Motion AC-15-SPR-41 by Doltar

Approval of a \$155 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to “To Write Love On Her Arms.”

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

C. Western Washington University Kendo Club - \$275

Elijah Lam said he is requesting funds to buy more equipment for the club, specifically fencing poles. Ode suggested that, if the club plans on bringing this request to the Council in the future, it should consider asking for a larger amount of funds in order to kick off a club fundraiser, in order to become more self-sustainable.

Motion AC-15-SPR-42 by LaVallee

Approval of a \$275 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the WWU Kendo Club.

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

D. Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology - \$125

Kate Harrison said that the club was formed in order to join the national association SAFE (Student Association for Fire Ecology). The club now has six members who want to join the association, so these funds are being requested for the \$20 application fee each new member must pay. Being official members of the organization would come with a number of perks, but the main perk is that it would allow them to apply for grants in order to attend the national conference next year. Casey Hayden said this was an interesting circumstance, because usually the Council pays for the overall clubs' application, but it isn't often that it funds the application of individual members. Weyers asked if the six applying members would be returning students. Harrison said yes, they are four grad students and two undergrad students. Weyers also asked if the benefits would apply to the entire club or just the individuals. Harrison said the grants would go to the entire club, and non-

registered members can still attend the conference. Ode asked if it was \$20 for a lifetime membership. Harrison said no, it's an annual payment. Hayden asked for a price estimate on attending the conference as a non-registered member. Harrison said it would be roughly \$100 more to attend as a club member than it would a registered student of the association. Alcantar Soto said, since the club is fairly new, the Activities Council could approve these funds, but in the future, she would like to see the members pay at least half of the cost out of pocket, and the Council could then offset the cost. Harrison said this would be manageable.

Motion AC- 15-SPR-43 by Doltar

Approval of a \$120 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology.

Second: LaVallee Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

E. Middle Women of Western Washington University - \$150

Sarah Rothgeb said that this request would pay for setup, sound, and security for the 3rd and final Middle Women event this Friday. This club is disbanding soon, and they would like to end with a successful event and a balance of zero. Ode asked why the club is ending. Rothgeb said that the Middle Women Organization officially ended last Sunday, and without the support of the backing organization, the club will disband as well. The event will still fulfill its objective of encouraging body positivity and high self esteem at the event by redirecting members and other interested parties to clubs and organizations with similar focuses and objectives. Alcantar Soto asked about how the club will advertise the event. Rothgeb said that the signs are up across the campus and town, the website is advertising it, and individual members will be out and about spreading the word.

Motion AC- 15-SPR-44 by Ode

Approval of a \$150 underwrite from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Middle Women of Western Washington University.

Second: Doltar Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

F. Western Washington Students For Life - \$135

Katie Lodjic said that Students For Life is holding an event, and they are inviting Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Martin Luther King Jr. to speak about her continuation of the Civil Rights movement through

pro-life activism. The requested funds would be used for security and publicity. The Council expressed concerns about the speakers' recent expression of her controversial opinions on the LGBTQ community, and whether or not Ms. King will stick solely to the pro-life subject matter in her speech. The Council realized that the nature of the club and its messages already had a bit of a controversial nature, and the Council would like to avoid any unnecessary controversy. Lodjic said that the club is in no way going to support or express these opinions, and the event is intended to solely focus on the intended pro-life message.

Motion AC-15-SPR-45 by Doltar

Approval of a \$135 grant Grants/Loans/Underwrites to WWU Students for Life.

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

VI. Bookstore Donation Request

Given the fact that only \$315 remains in Bookstore Donation funds, the Council decided to split the amount evenly between the two remaining Bookstore Donation requests. Alcantar Soto suggested that To Write Love On Her Arms should get the extra \$15, due to their excellent track record when it comes to events. The Council agreed.

A. To Write Love On Her Arms - \$150-200

Motion AC-15-SPR-46 by Alcantar Soto

Approval of \$165 in bookstore donation funds to "To Write Love On Her Arms."

Second: Ode Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. WWU Stars and Stripes - \$200

Motion AC-15-SPR-47 by Weyers

Approval of \$150 in bookstore donation funds to WWU Stars and Stripes.

Second: LaVallee Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

This motion depleted Bookstore Donation funds.

Giselle Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm