



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 26th, 2015

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

**Doltar (AS Club Coordinator), Kaleb Ode (Assistant Business Director),
Eddie Cuevas (Club Representative) Emma Palumbo (Club
Representative), Israel Rios (Student at Large), Alex LaVallee (Club
Representative), Ashley Weyers (Student At Large), Lien Luc
(Student At Large)**

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

Secretary: Riley Fraser (Board Assistant to Club Committees)

**Guests: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant-In-Training), Kate Harrison,
Trevor Bloom, Donai O'leary (Western Washington Students for Fire
Ecology)**

*Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm on
Tuesday, May 26th, 2015*

The Council will be approving the last four meetings' worth of minutes at the next meeting before the school year ends.

I. Business Director's Report

	Original Balance	Funds Used	Current Balance	Percent of original left
Grants/Loans /Underwrites (FFXGRN)	\$33,000	\$31,554	\$1,296	4%
Club Conference Funding (FFXCLC)	\$14,000	\$13,465	\$535	3.82%

II. Information Items

A. Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology - \$1,305

Kate Harrison said that the Students for Fire Ecology are asking for funds to go to an international conference being held in San Antonio

in November. This is the biggest conference in the Fire Ecology community. Trevor Bloom said that several graduate students and several undergraduate students will be submitting abstracts to be presented at the conference, and will be receiving reduced admission prices by volunteering at the conference. It's a great opportunity for club members to gain some exposure to the Fire Ecology world, interact with others in their field, and to make themselves known to potential employers. Palumbo asked if any outside fundraising had been held. Harrison said not yet, but it is being planned in order to cover other expenses, such as travel and hotel fees. The request is asking just for registration funds because it is the least amount of funds needed, and the club can potentially get registered for the Early bird price. Bloom said the club will also be looking into scholarships that members could apply for to cover other costs. Alcantar Soto asked what the total amount for expenses for the trip. Bloom estimated that it would be between \$500 and \$800 per person. Ode asked about any additional benefits of attending this event that average community members of Western would experience. Donai O'leary said that the club is still fairly new, and it would be a great opportunity to establish the club by interacting and networking with more experienced members of the national community. This opportunity would help establish the WWU Fire Ecology club as an active community within the international circuit. Casey Hayden asked about the deadline for registration. Bloom said the deadline is currently To Be Announced, which he assumed means when it fills up completely, so they would like to register before that becomes an issue. Hayden reminded both the club and the Council that the funds would have to be spent before June 30th if the funds are to be used from this fiscal year and not next year. Alcantar Soto asked how many members are attending. Bloom said there are six members going; three graduate students, three undergraduate students. The graduate students are O'leary, Bloom, and Samuel Warshaw. The three undergraduates are Kate Harrison, Robin Dietrich, and Bennett Murdock. Ode asked if the registration of the event would still be worth it if, hypothetically, none of the submitted abstracts were accepted. O'leary said yes, the event would still provide all the experiences necessary to further develop the clubs' standing in the national fire ecology community. For homework items, Ode would like the representatives to know

how much the members would be comfortable with paying out of pocket for the event.

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

III. Action Items

A. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars - \$300

No representatives present. Item tabled until next meeting.

IV. Other Business

A. Awards

Activities Council was swimming with awards this year! We won Best Committee, Giselle Alcantar Soto received the Best Chair award, Kaleb Ode received the Funniest Award, Ashlyn Doltar got the Unsung Hero award, Casey Hayden got the Best Advisor award, and we all received several nominations: Riley Fraser for Best Secretary, Mason Thaut for Most Dedicated, and we received two different nominations for Best Member.

B. Last Meeting

Next week is our **last meeting!** In addition to business as per usual, there will be pizza. Bring a friend. Preferably an underclassmen.

Starting next year, the Activities Council will be in charge of a new budget policy! An additional \$45,000 will be in the Council's care to allocate for larger events that will be put on by the AS Programming Offices.

Giselle Alcantar Soto, VP of Activities, adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.