



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Agenda for Monday, June 1st, 2015

Present: Giselle Alcantar Soto (VP for Activities), Israel Rios (Elect VP of 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: Lori Vail, David DeGuzman (Pottery Club), Katie Kephart (National Society of Collegiate Scholars), Kate Harrison, Trevor Bloom, Donai O'Leary (Fire Ecology), Morgan Lanza (Girls Rock! WWU), Hunter Swoth, Anne Marie Yanza (Poets and Lyricists Society), Sage Folkins (PALS), David Stein (Garden Club)

Motions

AC-15-SPR-63 - Approval of the minutes from the meetings of 5-4-15, 5-11-15, 5-18-15 and 5-26-15 as amended.

AC-15-SPR-64 - Recognition of the Girls Rock! WWU club as an official AS Club under the "Arts/Music/Dance" category.

AC-15-SPR-65 - Recognition of the Garden Club as an official AS Club under the "Environmental" category.

AC-15-SPR-66 - Recognition of the Poets and Lyricists Society as an official AS Club under the "Arts/Music/Dance" category.

AC-15-SPR-67 - Recognition of the Pottery Club as an official AS Club under the "Arts/Music/Dance" category.

AC-15-SPR-68 - Approval of the name change from Grupo Götan to WWU Argentine Tango.

AC-15-SPR-69 - Approval of a \$1,305 grant from Club Conference Funding and Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology.

AC-15-SPR-70 - Approval of a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, with the stipulation that no more than \$30 be spent on each member.

AC-15-SPR-71 - Suspension of the Rules of Operation to vote on action Item C.

AC-15-SPR-72 - Approval of a \$242 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Stand Up Comedy Klub, with the stipulation that the club advertise the event to the best of their ability.

Israel Rios, Future VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm on Monday, June 1st, 2015

I. Approval of the Minutes

Motion AC- 15-SPR-63 by

Approval of the minutes from the meetings of 5-4-15, 5-11-15, 5-18-15 and 5-26-15 as amended.

Second: Ode

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

II. Business Director's Report

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

III. Club Recognition

A. Girls Rock! WWU

Morgan Lanza said that she is aligned with the Bellingham Girls Rock Camp, which is a day camp committed to providing safe and inclusive space for dialogue about women in the music industry, body image, media literacy, gender identity, and other such key issues in order to encourage self-empowered young people. The purpose of Girls Rock! WWU would be to bring this message of self-empowerment and leadership to WWU by providing the same mentorship and activities in a safe and supportive campus community. The club would also put on a number of community showcases and events. Doltar asked about interest shown in the club on campus. Lanza said that a large number

of past volunteers are looking forward to moving the focus to Western, particularly through the Fairhaven college.

Motion AC-15-SPR-64 by Weyers

Recognition of the Girls Rock! WWU club as an official AS Club under the “Arts/Music/Dance” category.

Second: Ode

Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Garden Club

David Stein said that the Garden Club would act as a formal club for students who want to take up gardening. Students would be able to work in the Outback Farms and hold events in which they would take part in gardening around the town of Bellingham. Ode asked if the club would be known as Garden Club or Gardening Club. Stein said that the president would make that differentiation, not himself. Ode said that since it is written down in the request as Garden Club, they will approve it as such. Alcantar Soto wanted to know about the level of student interest. Stein said that he isn't sure about exact numbers, but going off of his experience as an Outback Farms employee, they get many volunteers, so student interest in gardening does exist. Alcantar Soto asked what the club will do to distinguish itself from the Outback Farm. Stein said that the club would be more structured and organized than the Outback, which tends to be a bit unorganized. Doltar asked if the Outback would be the clubs' main source of in-the-field activity. Stein said it would be the main source given it has all the necessary resources, but the club would look into reaching out to other community places that would allow them to work in the gardens. Hayden clarified for the Council that the Outback Farm has already identified five plots of land on private residences that have given the Garden Club consent to use. Ode expressed concern that there should be a clear distinction between the club and the Outback Farm, and that students might be mistaken that they must be part of the club in order to work at the Outback. Stein assured the Council that this distinction would be made clear.

Motion AC-15-SPR-65 by Doltar

Recognition of the Garden Club as an official AS Club under the “Environmental” category.

Second: LaVallee

Vote: 7-0-0
Action: Passed

C. Poets and Lyricists Society

Anna Marie said that the club would be aimed at the writing, workshopping, and performing of creative poetry and lyric writing. The Western Writers United club seemed to focus more on prose than performance, so there would be a distinction in focus and objective there. Doltar asked about the level of student interest. Marie said there are six people that have expressed interest so far, and they have been advertising the group at Open Mies in the dorms. Alcantar Soto asked what kind of events the club would put on. Marie said that they would like to collaborate with the Underground Coffee House to perform open mie nights, as well as workshops and other events that would encourage creativity and collaborating with other artists. Lutsch asked how new members would be integrated into the club in the middle of a quarter when projects have already been started. Marie said that writing prompts would be used at the beginning of every meeting in as an ice breaker activity to get everybody included into the club activities and showcase their own abilities regardless of their familiarity to the club.

Motion AC-15-SPR-66 by Alcantar Soto

Recognition of the Poets and Lyricists Society as an official AS Club under the “Arts/Music/Dance” category.

Second: Palumbo Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

D. Pottery Club

Lori Vale said that the Pottery Club would be open to students and possibly local alumni who wish to express themselves through the artistic medium of pottery. The club would have a quarterly pottery sale, with some of the proceeds going towards the cost of the pottery studio and other necessary materials. Ode asked who was responsible for funding materials. Vale said that there were two possible methods for this: either the club members could pay a \$90 membership fee to use the studio alongside fundraising, or the club could receive AS or Department funding. Alcantar Soto expressed concern over the \$90 membership fee, as that is a lot of money to expect a college student to pay for anything, so it would be in the clubs’ best interest to look towards methods of funding that would make them self-sustainable and not need the membership fee.

Motion AC-15-SPR-67 by Weyers

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

Second: Doltar Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

IV. Name Change Requests

A. Grupo Götan (Western Tango)

The reasoning for the name change is that the current name is not easily associated with tango for new members, and the new name, WWU Argentine Tango, is more easily identifiable.

Motion AC-15-SPR-68 by Doltar

Approval of the name change from Grupo Götan to WWU Argentine Tango.

Second: Alcantar Soto Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

V. Action Items

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

Kate Harrison reminded the Council that the club is asking for funding to bring six students to the American Fire Ecology Congressional Conference in San Antonio, TX. All abstracts have been submitted, and feedback has been positive. Palumbo asked when the members will know whether or not their abstracts were accepted, and if they would still be able to participate in meaningful ways if their abstracts are not accepted. Trevor Bloom said that official results won't be received until September, but they will for sure be placed in the specific area called “Fire Trek: The Next Generation.” Doltar asked for clarification that nothing as far as travel fees have been purchased yet for the graduate students. Bloom said no. Harrison said that the prices between undergrad and grad members are different: undergrad is \$175, and grad is \$260.

Motion AC-15-SPR-69 by Doltar

Approval of a \$1,305 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the Western Washington Students for Fire Ecology. Friendly amendment from Ode that the grant exhausts the funds from Club Conference Funding and pulls the rest from Grants/Loans/Underwrites. Amendment accepted.

Second: Palumbo Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

This motion exhausts Club Conference Funding

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

Katie Kephart said that the Society of Collegiate Scholars is sending two of its officers - the president and vice president - to attend a Leadership/Entrepreneurship conference in Orlando, Florida from June 25th-28th. Attending this event would get the board members situated with their roles in the NSCS by allowing them to interact with more experienced members of the Society nationwide and develop their ability to build a community on campus. The funds being requested are for air fare. Alcantar Soto asked if the club has bought their tickets yet. Kephart said no, but the club has taken part in multiple fundraisers to cover other costs, and the club is contributing \$300 from its own budget. Doltar asked what the plane ticket prices are at right now. Kephart said between \$500 and \$570 but a portion of the cost is being covered by NSCS.

Motion AC- 15-SPR-70 by Ode

Approval of a \$300 grant from Grants/Loans/Underwrites to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, with the stipulation that no more than \$30 be spent on each member.

Second: Weyers Vote: 7-0-0

Action: Passed

C. Stand Up Comedy Klub - \$242

Alex LaVallee said that the request would be to rent Old Main Theatre for the End of the Year Senior Show on June 5th to celebrate the club seniors before they graduate and leave Western. Alcantar Soto asked if this would be a ticketed event. LaVallee said probably not, because stand-up shows on campus are usually held weekly on Tuesdays and biweekly on Thursdays in the Underground for free, so it would be hard to have students come out to a show and pay for it when they could get the exact same thing free during the week. LaVallee explained that the reason this event is so last-minute is that the new leadership came up with the idea without fully understanding club policy on funding requests and checking availability of rented spaces. Alcantar Soto asked how the event will be advertised. LaVallee said there will be a Facebook event shared on the club page and all other comedy or theater-related pages associated with WWU. Alcantar Soto asked if the event could be carried out if Activities Council did not fund them. LaVallee said no, because the club

has no funds left in their account. Doltar said that she would be comfortable suspending the Rules of Operation for this item, because the club has made exceptions to club policy before in order to meet time constraints.

After a lengthy discussion on whether or not the Rules of Operation need to be suspended to vote on a request submitted at such a late time, the Council members decided to suspend the Rules of Operation to vote upon this item.

Motion AC-15-SPR-71 by Alcantar Soto

Suspension of the Rules of Operation to vote on Action Item C.

Second: Weyers Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

Motion AC-15-SPR-72 by Alcantar Soto

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Second: Doltar

Vote: 6-0-1

Action: Passed

VI. Other Business

Alcantar Soto took time to recognize those returning to the Council next year, as well as passing out the awards won by our members. 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.

Alcantar Soto had the members go over the new Charge and Charter and provide feedback on what needed to be added to, edited, or removed from the document.

The AS Large Event Opportunity Fund is now under the jurisdiction of the Activities Council. This fund will be used for funding requests reaching a minimum of \$500 that are to go towards any AS Programming Office. Any

money not spent during the fiscal year will go into this fund, as it comes from the reserves funds.

Alcantar Soto adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm