



**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 7, 2016

Present: Alex LaVallee (AS VP for Activities), Corey Godfrey (Student at Large), Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Isabel Lin (Student at Large), Jessi Navarre (AS Club Representative), Erin Johnson (Club Representative), Walter Lutsch (Club Representative), Merrill Hunt-Paez (Student at Large)

Absent: Leanna Sauerlender (Student at Large), Anujin Ganbat (Student at Large), George Vadino (Club Representative)

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

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Greta Merkel, Tristan Sokul, Siri Bellmen, Kenzi Garner, Julia Bainbridge, Raichle Dunkeld

Motions

AC-16-F-47 - Motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2016 - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-48 - Motion to approve the name change of LAFS to The Viking Comedy Hour - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-49 - Motion to approve \$75 in the form of a bookstore donation for ASP, specifically the UGCH - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-50 - Motion to recognize the clubs Students in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, under the category of social issues - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-51 - Motion to suspend the rules of operation and move the SSF request to an action item - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-52 - Motion to approve \$500 in the form of an underwrite for SSF from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for their film event - **PASSED**

Mikhail Jackson, AS Club Business Director, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on November 7, 2016.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

VI. Club Recognition

a. Arabie Culture Club

As there were no students there to represent Arabic Culture Club, the item was tabled.

b. Students in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Representative: Greta Merkel. As a club, SSIP is hoping to hold protests and raise funds for standing in solidarity with indigenous peoples. Lutsch asked how much interest had already been generated. Merkel said that they had about five people right now, but were hoping to do more outreach soon. Hayden commented that he'd heard that there are some groups that are interested in hosting a fundraiser to benefit Standing Rock, and they could find a nonprofit to donate to. The QRC was talking about organizing a big fundraiser to help with that. Lutsch asked what would go on during meetings, especially for new members. Merkel said that they hadn't done a lot of planning yet, but they would plan to do a teach-in. She would also like to plan for fundraising.

50 by Johnson. Moved to recognize the clubs Students in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, under the category of social issues.

Second: Hunt-Paez. Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

c. Hawaii Ohana Club

There were no students to represent Hawaii Ohana Club, so the item was tabled.

VII. Information Items

a. Students for Sustainable Food (\$760)

Representatives: Tristan Sokul, Siri Bellmen, and Kenzi Garner. They're going to be screening the documentary *Food Chains*, holding a discussion, and are having a make-your-own-toast Toast Bar. Sokul said that most of the budget will be the license to show

the film. The rest is for food. They also said that the food budget is going to be smaller. Sokul said that their club is teaming up with the Social Issues Resource Center, who is donating about \$150 to the event. Sokul said that the film is about how the food system is ruled by supermarkets and exploits workers. Sokul hoped that a lot of different people will be coming with different interests. Navarre asked if they had talked to the AS Film Coordinator, who might be able to help with the costs. Sokul said that they had talked to Neil from that office, but he had already paid for a film this quarter. Navarre asked if Students for Sustainable Food had shown a film last year. Sokul said yes, and Navarre asked them to talk about how it went last year. Sokul said that the screening was a huge success last year, and they had a lot of good feedback. Hayden wondered if Sokul could tell the council more about the food plan. Sokul said that they had dealt a lot with catering and the food code before. They decided to do toast, because baked goods are easier to get a license for. There will be pre-made toppings for the toast, and the viewers will make their own toast, so nobody from the club is making the food. Sokul said that there will be toasters in the room, and a fire safety official for the first hour. Hayden said that Shalom had to put in a work order for janitors every time food was served. Sokul said that they put aside money in the budget for set-up, and they're bringing their own vacuum. Godfrey asked if there was any fee associated with borrowing these toasters, and Sokul said that people were bringing their own. Johnson asked what part of the budget was over-estimated, and Sokul said the food. Hayden said that the timeline is tight, since the film is being shown the 16th, so the council should consider approving this now.

51 by Lutsch. Moved to suspend the rules of operation and move the SSF request to an action item.

Second: Navarre. Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED
52 by Godfrey. Moved to approve \$500 in the form of an underwrite for SSF from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for their film event.

Second: Lin Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

b. Cascadia Climbers Co-op (\$1,100)

Representatives: Julia Bainbridge (Gear Manager) and Raichle Dunkeld (head of committee). Bainbridge and Dunkeld had a presentation to show the council. Cascadia Climbers are a club trying to bring climbers at Western together. They have workshops showing people how to practice certain climbing skills. The PowerPoint showed some numbers about how many people are in the club. About 25 people come to each biweekly meeting. The Climbing Coop will make climbing more accessible for people who can't afford to buy their own. They will also be able to meet with people who are more experienced who can teach them how to climb. Students can buy into the co-op with a \$30 annual fee. Bainbridge said that as Gear Manager, she would keep track of what gear was damaged, and what gear needed to be retired. She will also keep track of who has demonstrated proficiency with certain gear. Dunkeld said that the club had created several links and documents. One of them is a document of Gear Management Guidelines. There was also Trip Leader Expectations, which includes liability guidelines that go above Western's liability requirements. CCCO talked to the Ree Center about this. Another document was the Gear Library, saying what gear was available. The co-op is requesting \$1,098.90 for buying helmets, harnesses, ATCs, carabiners, and rope. This can support five people at a time, but will be available at all. Members will contribute \$30, but that's a highly discounted rate for what it actually costs to start out

climbing. Based on the demonstrated interest, the price for Activities Council would be a good investment.

Godfrey asked what the restriction of requiring gear would be. He wanted to know if anyone could join the co-op. Dunkeld said that everyone who used the gear would have had to pass a Rock School that the co-op put on, or had a pass with the WWU Ree Center.

Godfrey clarified his question: could non-students join the co-op?

Dunkeld said that yes, but no more than 20% of the club, as per the AS club rules. Bainbridge said that they were also welcoming community members with climbing experience in

leadership/advisor roles. Godfrey asked what the contingency would be if gear broke during a trip. Dunkeld said that was difficult, because they wouldn't be there every time people were using the gear. Dunkeld hoped that the co-op could create a community where people were honest about gear and using it responsibly. A lot of the time, gear would be damaged just while climbing. Godfrey asked how broken gear would be handled

financially. Dunkeld said that people paying into the co-op would help off-set the cost of replacing gear. Godfrey asked where the \$30 co-op fee would be going. Bainbridge said that the funds would go towards gear, and if people paid into the co-op, they would have a say in where the money goes towards. Navarre asked if the request through OrgSync was any different, and Hayden said that it was the same as in the PowerPoint. Navarre wanted to know if the club had any funds in their account, and Hayden said he didn't think so. Bainbridge and Dunkeld said that they made their own spreadsheet to show the cost of the gear. Dunkeld said that they had no funds and didn't ask for dues up until now. They wanted to be able to show people that they had gear before people paid dues. (Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Activities, arrived at around 6:45 pm.)

Lutsch asked how co-op funds would be kept separate from club funds. Dunkeld said that there would be an expectation that group funds would go towards the club. Godfrey asked if someone still had to pay \$30 to just be in the club, and Bainbridge said that it would just be for the co-op, and not the club. Godfrey asked about if someone in the club not in the co-op wanted to go on a trip and used co-op funds. Dunkeld explained that co-op funds would only go towards official co-op trips. Godfrey asked if the club planned on asking for any more money this year, and Dunkeld and Bainbridge weren't sure. Navarre asked for clarification that people who didn't pay the fee didn't get the gear, and Dunkeld reiterated that was correct.

Dunkeld asked what the next meeting would look like for them. Lutsch said that the council liked a week to deliberate for a request this large. Since this request had so much information, that probably wouldn't be necessary. Dunkeld said that the council members could e-mail the co-op with questions. Hayden said that they would have to create a check-out agreement form, and Dunkeld said that they already had one. One of their members, a computer science major, made a database for checking out gear. Hayden said that he wanted to see a copy of that form. Dunkeld said that there would be a log for how the gear was used and what happened while it was being used.

VIII. Other Business

- A. LaVallee said that he executively approved a few small requests. He also said that Leanna Sauerlender would no longer be able to serve on the council.

The meeting was adjourned by Mikhail Jackson at 6:56 p.m. on November 7th, 2016.