



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 24, 2016

Present: Alex LaVallee (AS VP for Activities), Corey Godfrey (Student at Large), George Vadino (Club Representative), Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Isabel Lin (Student at Large), Jessi Navarre (AS Club Representative), Erin Johnson (Club Representative)

Absent: Walter Lutsch (Club Representative), Leanna Sauerlender (Student at Large), Anujin Ganbat (Student at Large), Merrill Hunt-Paez (Student at Large)

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

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Em Burlison (Kokondo Self Defense Club), Mike Lee (The Vikingwatch), Simone Jansen (Japanese Language Game Club), Jordan Black (Blue Crew Club), Jesse Floyd (Viking Vocal Jazz), Maytal Abramson (Western's Contemporary Dance Club), Roger Schuettke (Students for Criminal Justice Reform), Jacob Gerstner (Bellingham Perspective), Taylor Glennon (VU Gallery)

Motions

AC-16-F-32 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 17 -

PASSED

AC-16-F-33 - Motion to approve the name change request of Western

Wilderness Trail Corps to Western Trail Corps - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-34 - Motion to recognize Students for Criminal Justice Reform as a club under Social Issues - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-35 - Motion to recognize Just Love Life Club under the category of Religious - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-36 - Motion to recognize the Japanese Language Game Club as an official club under the category of Ethics and Culture - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-37 - Motion to recognize The Vikingwatch as an official AS club under “gaming” - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-38 - Motion to recognize Western’s Contemporary Dance club under the category of Art - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-39 - Motion to recognize Bellingham Perspective as an official AS Club under the category of Social Issues - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-40 - Motion to recognize Blue Crew Club as an official AS club under the category of Recreational - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-41 - Motion to suspend the rules of operation - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-42 - Motion to move the info item Viking Vocal Jazz to an action item - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-43 - Motion to give \$950 in the form of an underwrite for the Viking Vocal Jazz festival - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-44 - Motion to approve \$300 for Kokondo Self Defense Club from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to send Burlison to a conference - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-45 - Motion to amend the minutes to make it so that the Viking Vocal Jazz and Kokondo Self Defense money came out of Club Conferences - **PASSED**

AC-16-F-46 - Motion to give an additional \$1,150 to the VU Gallery show showcasing the work of Nicholas Galanin from the Large Event Opportunity Fund - **PASSED**

Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on October 24, 2016.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

Viking Vocal Jazz was added under “Info Items”.

Students in Solidarity was removed.

Kokonodo was added under “Action Items”

b. Just Love Life Club

KP said that their club would be a spiritually affiliated club under Bhakti Marga

Johnson asked where and how often they would be meeting as a club. KP said that they would be meeting in the VU once a week for an hour. Navarre asked how much interest the club had generated. KP said there was quite a bit of interest, and people had asked them when they were going to start bringing a club like this on campus. Navarre asked if the club was planning on being financially active. KP said yes, minimally, and LaVallee put in that Activities Council did not handle financials for religious clubs.

AC-16-F-35 by Navarre. Moved to recognize Just Love Life Club under the category of Religious

Second: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

c. Japanese Language Game Club

Simone Hansen said that the club was for playing board games and card games in Japanese, and the goal was to learn Japanese while playing. People would try and play by using as much Japanese as they knew. These would not be Japanese games, but American games such as Go Fish.

Johnson asked how much interest the club had generated. Hansen said that she was a Freshman, so she didn't know many people. She had contacted about 8 people through Facebook, and thought that the club would get more interest once it was official. Navarre asked where the club planned on meeting, and Hansen said that she wanted to have space in the VU. Godfrey asked if the club planned on being financially active. Hansen said that probably very minimally, to buy a game or two from the club. Godfrey asked how Hansen saw the club evolving after she completed her Japanese 101 class. Hansen said that after she finished the class, she would be able to help other people learn words more. Being higher level in Japanese classes would help people play more complicated games.

AC-16-F-36 by Godfrey. Moved to recognize the Japanese Language Game Club as an official club under the category of Ethics and Culture.

Second: Vadino

Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

d. The Vikingwatch

Representative: Mike Lee. He is looking to create a club to play Overwatch and organize events to play the game on-campus. He said it would run similarly to how other gamer clubs do. Godfrey suggested that Lee contact other gaming clubs on organizing a club. Lee said that he ran PR for those clubs. Johnson asked if Lee and other gaming clubs planned to collaborate on events. Lee said that he was trying to get all the clubs closer connected. Navarre asked what a typical meeting would look like. Lee said that they already had an E-Sports team that were competing on the national level against other universities. They had 8 people. The school computers can't run Overwatch very well, so mostly they would be meeting online. Navarre said that she played Overwatch on console, so would they be playing the game on PC? Lee said maybe they could play cross-platform, but Navarre said that the game wasn't cross-platform yet. LaVallee asked if a lot of people played on-campus, and Lee said that about 100 people seemed interested on Reddit.

AC-16-F-37 by Godfrey. Moved to recognize The Vikingwatch as an official AS club under "gaming".

Second: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

e. Western's Contemporary Dance Club

Representative: Erin Johnson and Maytal Abranson. Johnson said that they wanted to create a club for dancers on-campus. People in the club would choreograph, and their faculty advisor might as well. They planned on being financially active. Johnson said that they were hoping to rent a space, depending on what kind of club they were. They are planning on choreographing for the Cabaret show in March, and maybe start their own show. They want to travel around to shows and cons around the area. About 50 people seemed interested so far, but they haven't had any meeting yet. Lin asked what level of dance this was for. Johnson said it was open to everyone, and a lot of interested people were from Western's dance department. Lin asked if this was all kinds of contemporary dance, or specifically ballet or hip-hop. Johnson said it depended on the choreographer. Rutledge asked when the meetings were going to be. Johnson said that they were having a meeting this week to see what time worked best for people. Johnson said it would vary between week to week based on people's schedules. It would be an hour and a half to two hours. Hayden said that having a moving schedule might make it difficult for people to get into the club.

Johnson said that she planned on being consistent on Facebook and OrgSync.

AC-16-F-38 by Lin. Moved to recognize Western's Contemporary Dance club under the category of Art.

Second: Jackson Vote: 6-0-1 PASSED

f. Bellingham Perspective

Jacob Gerstner. He said that the club would be similar to Humans of New York, and would provide a rich perspective on the people of Bellingham. He said that this club would bring people together, not only people who are interested in photography but also looking to explore Bellingham more. All the photos and conversations would be shared with the photographee's consent. Bellingham Perspective would counter personal and social media, which would enable people to present the real context of what is seen in communities. Interest so far has been pretty small. They just started their Instagram and posted a few photos. They're planning on growing through word of mouth, networking, and online. Gersnter thought that there might be biweekly meetings to show photos and talk about what they need as a club. Johnson asked if he would tell the people of the club how to go through the interview process. Gerstner said that he would share his experience of how to approach people, and help nervous people with mock interviews. Everyone in the group would be presenting a similar base for where the questions would be coming from. Lin how the club would provide photography equipment. Gerstner said that a few cameras could be checked out from the school, but most members would have their own cameras. Lin asked how the club would treat people new to photography. Gerstner said that he didn't want the club to exclude people without fancy cameras, and that the club would help people gain photograph editing experience. LaVallee asked Gerstner if he knew about ATUS, and Gerstner said yes. Lin asked when club meetings would be, and Gerstner said biweekly in the middle of the week, in a small room.

AC-16-F-39 by Navarre. Moved to recognize Bellingham Perspective as an official AS Club under the category of Social Issues

Second: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

g. Blue Crew Club

Jordan Black started the club because he works with the athletic department, and they're trying to get more school spirit on campus. They've seen a decline in people attending games in the last few years, possibly because of Carver Gym being renovated. They're hoping that as the club grows, they'll be able to attend away games. Navarre said that her sister attended Gonzaga, and they had something similar. Would this club be like other spirit clubs? Black said yes. LaVallee asked if Black was the president of the club. Black said yes, because they haven't had elections yet. They've had two meetings so far and about 20 people had attended. LaVallee was wondering if the plan was for Student Ree employees to run the club. Black said that he wanted the club to be student-led. Hayden said that even though the club hadn't existed since 2006 or so, were the fans still called the Blue Crew? Black said yes, and if students came to games and showed their ID they would get free stuff. He wanted people to be more spirited. Hayden wondered how becoming an AS club would make them stronger. Black said that being an AS club would give a lot of resources, such as posters, and access to the AS van. They need transportation to Whatcom Community College, since all basketball games are going to be there this year. Hayden remarked that it was nice when the AS and Student Ree crossed paths.

AC-16-F-40 by Lin. Moved to recognized Blue Crew Club as an official AS club under the category of Recreational.

Second: Johnson

Vote: 7-0-0

PASSBD

VI. Info Items

a. Viking Vocal Jazz

Representative: Jesse Floyd. Floyd wanted to come back and provide a little more information about the budget request for attending the Demiero Jazz Festival in March. Floyd said that he understood from the other members that the council had questions about the budget. The club is requesting \$1,050. The registration fees are \$400 per group, no matter the size. Currently, the audition group has 13 singers and 4 people in the rhythm section who sometimes also sing. There's also a non-audition group. 5-10 people consistently show up every meeting, and they meet to practice. The total would be \$800 because two groups are going. The rest of the budget is gas. \$250 is for gas, because they currently have 25-30 people going, and as many as 35. If 7 or 8 cars are going down to Edmonds, the gas would come to about \$250. Hayden said that that was very helpful, since the

VII. Action Items

a. Kokondo Self Defense (\$300)

Representative: Em Burlison. Burlison is the instructor of the Kokondo Self Defense club. She was invited to a Jujitsu teaching seminar in Florida. She requested the money to help supplement her out-of-pocket funds. She wants to be able to bring the Jujitsu teaching back to her club. LaVallee added, for context, that a new fund this year was the Student Enhancement Fund. The AS Board just approved it, and a committee will be formed soon. Burlison said that she came to Activities Council because the price of the conference goes up at the end of the month, and she wants to be able to pay for it. Godfrey asked where and when it's happening. Burlison said that it is happening in Palm Coast, Florida on December 9-11. Hayden asked what the hosting organization was. Burlison said that it's Jukido Academy, which is under the International Kokondo Association. Godfrey said that the cost of the flight would be \$340. Godfrey asked if the council had ever sent a single person to a conference before. LaVallee said yes, with Swing Kids last year. Johnson asked that wasn't the usual per-person travel \$150? LaVallee said yes, which is why he was planning on getting the Student Enhancement Fund set up. Hayden asked if the council could only give \$150, would Burlison still be able to go? Burlison said that she would probably find a way, since it would really help her club. Johnson asked how Burlison could bring this knowledge back to Western as a whole. Burlison said that she signed up to teach a Physical Education class, and would be able to teach what she learned in that class. Godfrey said that like in the case of sending two people from the Neuroscience Club, increasing the price was weighed against how much the students would bring back to Western. Navarre asked to see the budget breakdown. Johnson said that she didn't want the burden on students to be so high to pay for conferences. Godfrey said that the knowledge brought back was well worth the full price. Johnson asked if there was anywhere else Burlison could go if the council couldn't give her the full amount. Hayden said technically the Board, but the council was really the best place. Johnson asked Burlison if her club was planning on asking for more money this year. Burlison said that there was a conference happening in Seattle. She would pay her own way for the \$65 registration fee, and ask the council for other members' fees. Johnson said she felt comfortable paying \$300.

AC-16-F-44 by Godfrey. Moved to approve \$300 for Kokondo Self Defense Club from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to send Burlison to a conference.

Second: Jackson. Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

AC-16-F-45 by LaVallee. Moved to amend the minutes to make it so that the Viking Vocal Jazz and Kokondo Self Defense money came out of Club Conferences.

Second: Godfrey Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

VIII. Large Event Opportunity Fund

a. Action Item

i. VU Gallery

LaVallee said that Taylor Glennon wanted to add another piece to the collection, a totally sick polar bear. It would cost an additional \$2,000. Glennon is on a timeline for getting this done and getting budgets approved. \$1500 was already approved for a speaker fee. The polar bear is very large, and the artist's brother has offered to drive it himself. The artist's brother is also picking up a wolf piece along the way at the Burke Museum. This would end up saving money, because otherwise Glennon would have to go and pick it up herself. The artist's brother and one other person have to be present in the car. The artist's brother lives in Puyallup. LaVallee said that there is a possibility of a co-sponsorship with the Environmental Center. They would pool in \$500. Vadino asked if there was a possibility of a LEOF Underwrite, and LaVallee said that they were all underwrites. Godfrey asked if the transportation would cover from Puyallup to Bellingham and back. Glennon said that yes, and that would include stopping by the Burke Museum in Seattle. The council would really only be giving about \$1000, since they already gave money to the VU Gallery. Glennon said that she needed \$1,150 to cover the transportation of the polar bear and the wolf in addition to what the council had already given. Hayden put in that this was a really good deal, since the art was so close by.

AC-16-F-46 by LaVallee. Moved to give an additional \$1,150 to the VU Gallery show showcasing the work of Nicholas Galanin from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Second: Vadino

Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

IX. Other Business

- a. Viking Radio Theatre
- b. Professional Women's Association

LaVallee told the council that he made executive decisions on giving Viking Radio Theatre \$40 for printing scripts and \$75 for the Professional Women's Association for a registration fee for the CBE week. He also said that Financial Management Association took the \$150 instead of \$75. Johnson asked if that needed to be amended on the budget table.

The meeting was adjourned by Alex LaVallee, AS VP for Activities, at 7:40 p.m. on October 24th, 2016.