



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council**

**Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 28, 2016**

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**Present:** Alex LaVallee (AS VP for Activities), Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Isabel Lin (Student at Large), Walter Lutsch (Club Representative), George Vadino (Club Representative)

**Absent:** Corey Godfrey (Student at Large), Jessi Navarre (AS Club Representative), Erin Johnson (Club Representative), Merrill Hunt-Paez (Student at Large)

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

**Secretary:** Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

**Guests:** Robert Berman (The League of Political Economy), Zach Martin (Perma Corps), Rose DeLorie (Perma Corps), Paul Kearsley (Perma Corps), Julian Tennyson (Perma Corps), Toshinae French (WWU Hip Hop Dance Team), Corinne Athy (WWU Hip Hop Dance Team), Sarah Gunderson (Intersect Tech), Ella Ordoná (Intersect Tech), Christine Harrison (MISA), Jeremy McLaughlin (MISA), Jenn Cook (AS Club Activities Office), Sam Lindmeier (AS Special Events)

**Motions**

**AC-16-F-70** - Motion to recognize the League of Political Economy as an AS club under the category of Academic/Departmental - **PASSED**

**AC-16-F-71** - Motion to recognize Perma Corps as an official club under the category Environmental - **PASSED**

**AC-16-F-72** - Motion to recognize Intersect Tech as an official AS club under the category Special Interests - **PASSED**

**AC-16-F-73** - Motion to give \$1,350 from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of a grant for MISA's WISC Event - **PASSED**

**AC-16-F-74 - Motion to approve \$556 in the form of an underwrite from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for the WWU Hip-Hop Dance Team - PASSED**

**Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### **I. Revisions to the Agenda**

Added AS Special Events under LEOF information items

### **II. Business Director's Report**

Jackson said that the council was still doing good. The only major difference was with Grants, Loans, and Underwrites. The council is under the historic average, but not by much.

### **III. Club Recognition**

#### **a. Arabic Culture and Language Club**

No representatives were present, so the item was tabled.

#### **b. The League of Political Economy**

Representative: Robert Berman. They are a group of students, some of whom are connected through the political economy majors program, and some of whom are interested in the subject of political economy. Political economy is an inter-disciplinary study. It's a study of politics, economy, and sociology. A few things that the league has done so far and intends to expand on is to provide a space for the political economy majors to get together. The program is difficult to navigate, and students often need help figuring it out. While getting together, the students would help each other study and give each other advice. Another goal is to provide a platform for organized public discussion about the issues that political economy is facing.

LaVallee asked how much interest Berman had generated so far for the League. Berman said that every student within the major that the League had talked to sounded interested, but it was difficult to

get students together. A few students studying political science, economics, or sociology were also interested. So far, the maximum number of people meeting has been nine or ten, but Berman said that they're hoping to make that number bigger. Hayden asked if Berman had talked to Jenn Cook about the category of the club, Academic/Departmental versus Political. Berman said that they had the discussion within the department, with unofficial advisors. There hadn't been any AS discussions. The express purpose of the League was to get students in the major together. Hayden said he thought that it fit better in the Academic/Departmental category. Berman said that the club was avoiding having any overall "club viewpoint", and in the discussion portion of the club it was purely academic.

**AC-16-F-70 by Lin. Moved to recognize the League of Political Economy as an AS club under the category of Academic / Departmental.**

**Second: LaVallee**

Lutsch asked if Berman wanted the "the" in front of the name or not, since he would have to come back and change it. Berman said that he wanted to keep it.

**Vote: 5-0-0 PASSED**

c. Perma Corps

Representatives: Zach Martin, Rose DeLorie, Paul Kearsley, and Julian Tennyson. Martin said that the Perma Corps would be a collaborative space for students to get involved in the community ecosystem in a design-oriented way. They would be based in the Outback Farm, so they can learn about permaculture and its lifestyle. Kearsley said that this was skills-based, hands-on, building things and planting things both on-campus and off. The larger goal is to learn practical skills. Vadino asked how much interest had been generated so far. Tennyson said that they had

one work-party so far, and it had about ten people. Kearsley said that the intention was to keep the club relatively small until they had an official status. He said that there would be more people who joined that seemed interested. Martin said that a lot of people were coming in from the industrial design major, and some people who had done a permaculture class in the year before. He said that it was hard to manage tons of people in the Outback at once. For the larger work parties, it would be about twenty people working. LaVallee asked if club activities would be weekly meetings, or just work parties. He wondered if there was a way for an inexperienced student to get involved. Martin said that a lot of people who came to the work parties had no experience, and other students were willing to take the lead on work parties. Their goal was to bring in people who have no experience in permaculture. The other meetings consist mainly of planning and hashing out exactly what they're going to do at the work parties. The work parties are more rare than the planning meetings. Martin said that they had done two so far. Kearsley wasn't sure what the advantage of becoming a club was so far, and after they become official the direction will shift and become more regular. Rutledge asked if they were planning on doing trail work in the Arboretum. Kearsley said probably not, since other clubs were working in the arb. They were focused more on gardening.

**AC-16-F-71 by Vadino. Moved to recognize Perma Corps as an official club under the category Environmental.**

**Second: Lin**

LaVallee asked if they were planning on keeping a few previous names. Martin said that they were keeping this name for outreach purposes.

**Vote: 5-0-0 PASSED**

d. Intersect Tech

Representatives: Ella Ordoná and Sarah Gunderson. Ordoná said that Intersect Tech is an interdisciplinary club open to all majors that talk about the intersectional of technology. Lin asked what a typical meeting would look like. Ordoná said that they had two meetings so far, one for people who were interested and one a discussion about ethics in design and technology. 15-20 people showed up to both meetings. Ordoná said that they might want speakers to come in to some meetings. She also wanted there to be a community event. LaVallee asked what they meant by the intersectional nature of technology. Gunderson said that living in this day and age, it was unavoidable to be affected by technology. When they discussed ethics and design, they talked about how websites kept users hooked. The club spun out of the Computer Science major, where the discussion is had. Gunderson said that the goal was to be conscientious and ethical creators.

**AC-16-F-72 by Lin. Moved to recognize Intersect Tech as an official AS club under the category Special Interests.**

**Second: Lutsch                      Vote: 5-0-0                      PASSED**

#### **IV. Action Items**

- a. Management Information Systems Association (\$1350)

Representatives: Christine Harrison and Jeremy McLaughlin. LaVallee said that last week, there were a few things that the council wanted to know. Harrison said that the council asked about ticket sales, and laid out some numbers. About 94 people attended last year. Tickets were \$8 in advance but \$10 at the door, so it averaged to about \$312. The box office sold \$160 worth of tickets, and \$170 in tickets was paid at the door. The total earned was \$270. It went back into this year's event. Harrison said that the council was also asking about why MISA couldn't contribute. The money has to last all year for food and quarter events. Each meeting costs about \$28, and clubs can't ask the council for

money for personal food. LaVallee asked about the \$312 number, and Harrison explained that it was the total revenue before the box office took \$20 out for fees. McLaughlin said that the council also asked about the buffer, and he said that the money earned last year goes to food, as do student fees for being in the club. Lutsch asked what the expected attendance for the event was. Harrison said that in the last five years, it averaged to about ninety people. LaVallee asked what DSI on the budget was, and McLaughlin said that it was from the CBE department. Any money from DSI couldn't be used from catering. The money that MISA was asking for at the current meeting would all go towards catering. LaVallee said that without the ticket sales, the anticipated revenue didn't match with the expenses. Hayden explained that once everything was paid for from all the different funds, any money that was left over would go into the ITL fund. None of the sponsors were worried about the club over-donating. He said that the council could give the money requested, minus the ticket sales. He said that it was up to the council. Harrison said that any revenue that they got went back to MISA, and then into the fund for putting the event on next year. It wouldn't go into club funds for food.

Lutsch asked how the council felt about giving such a large amount to a club when they already had money in their account for food. Harrison said that most students pay \$40 at the beginning of the year, and they had to make the money last throughout the year. If they put it towards the WISC event, they wouldn't have any money for end-of-the-quarter events.

McLaughlin said that it was budgeted pretty closely for each meeting. Vadino asked if club members understood where their dues would be going towards. Harrison said yes. LaVallee asked if the club did any fundraising, besides going to sponsors. Harrison said no, they just talked to speakers. Rutledge pointed out that the

money from the dues went to food for the meetings, and that the clubs couldn't come to the council to ask for money for food.

LaVallee asked when the event was, and they said it was April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said there might be time for fundraising. McLaughlin said that most of the time between then and now was devoted to planning the event.

**AC-16-F-73 by LaVallee. Moved to give \$1,350 from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of a grant for MISA's WISC Event.**

**Second: Vadino                      Vote: 5-0-0                      PASSED**

b. WWU Hip Hop Dance Team (\$556)

Representatives: Toshinae French and Corinne Athy. The club is asking for \$556. About \$300 of it would come back to the council in the form of ticket sales. French said that the council asked last time what the club's funding went to. She said that \$800 of it was for renting out the Ree Center, and \$1500 of it was for renting out the performance space. Athy said that the money went towards traveling, and French said that they also paid for team gear.

Hayden asked if he should make any changes to the budget.

French said that they weren't able to get a table tent, and they were only purchasing one banner. LaVallee said that if this was a fundraiser, they were still having a loss from the event. Athy said that they were trying to generate a new event, since the Hip-Hop community at Western has expanded in recent years. French said that she hoped this event would be an annual, self-sustaining event. Lin asked if this was the first time they were putting on the event? It is. LaVallee asked how the \$3000 in the club fund was replenished each year. Athy said that it was from the Showcase at the end of the year, which generates \$2000. They also ask for donations and have a bake sale. LaVallee said that he saw why they needed money this time to get the event going, but would they

come back again next year and ask for money for the even again? Athy said that the club was planning on doing a lot of fundraising in the next two quarters so that the club wouldn't be out of money at the end of the year. LaVallee asked if they knew how many seats would be available. It's going to be held in the MPR, so it can seat a lot of people, but they weren't sure yet. LaVallee asked if the people participating in the talent show had to pay to participate, and French and Athy said no. LaVallee thought that 200 people could fit in the MPR, and Hayden said that it was 400 if the room was set up theatre-style. LaVallee said that there was the potential to make \$600 on ticket sales, but French said that she didn't want to over-estimate. Hayden said that he would be cautious about promoting the show as a fundraiser for the showcase, since it really isn't. He suggested increasing the ticket price to \$5, since that still wasn't very much for such an event. Hayden said that the club should challenge themselves to break even on the event in the next few years.

**AC-16-F-74 by Lin. Moved to approve \$556 in the form of an underwrite from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for the WWU Hip-Hop Dance Team.**

**Second: Lutsch.**

LaVallee explained that they were giving the money as an underwrite, so any money not spent would come back to the council.

**Vote: 5-0-0 PASSED**

**V. Large Event Opportunity Fund Information Items**

LaVallee said that he wanted to try and have an emergency session between now and the next meeting, January 9<sup>th</sup>. He said that it would have to be conducted remotely. The two events being discussed below are in early February, which wouldn't give much time for getting the events ready. Rutledge asked if LaVallee was

planning on having this meeting over Skype, and expressed her concern. Hayden said that in the past, a meeting had been held over the OrgSync portal in a discussion forum.

a. Club Activities Office (\$3200)

Representative: Jenn Cook. The Club Hub is looking to bring a speaker to campus that Cook and somebody else saw in a conference. The speaker gave a really engaging talk about social media and its control over peoples lives. The talk that Cook saw was geared towards students, but the speaker also does a talk for faculty and staff. Cook said that she wanted to bring him in for a talk during the day for faculty and staff, and a talk during the evening for students. The money that Cook is asking for would pay for everything: speaking fees, travel, and lodging. She thought it was fairly affordable. Hayden said that this arose from a talk in the Club Hub about bringing in more speakers. The target demographic would be clubs, but it would be open to everyone. The Personnel Office was also interested in sending staff for training. LaVallee asked about VU Event Services on the budget. Cook said that it probably wouldn't cost that much. A lot of things on the budget, such as the hotel fees, were an over-estimate. Rutledge said that she wondered about student fees paying for a talk for faculty and staff. Cook said that everything the speaker talked about was about interactions with students, and that the talk would indirectly benefit students. Hayden added that the speaker would already be there for the same amount of time, and it didn't cost too much extra to add on another talk. Cook asked what the procedure for approving the money in time would be. LaVallee said that he was going to give the information in the minutes to council members that weren't here, and have an emergency session this week or next week.

b. AS Special Events (\$8,000)

Representative: Samantha Lindmeier. She was requesting money for comedian Ron Funches. Lindmeier said that in the last few years, there was an excellent turn-out for comedy shows, almost five hundred people. She said that if she got the \$8,000 she was requesting, she wouldn't have to spend her entire budget. The students as well as the community would be able to benefit from the show. Ticket prices would be \$14 for students, \$18 for the public. Lindmeier said that she didn't think security was going to be \$100. Hayden said that backstage stuff might cost more, and quite a lot of cost went into ushers. Lindmeier said that she forgot to mention that another event, Last Comic Standing, was going to take place before this, and the winner would open for a 15 minute set before Funches' show. Hayden asked if lodging would be paid for separately, and Lindmeier said that Funches' people were being slow to respond. LaVallee explained that none of the AS offices profited off of events, and they tried to get their budgets down to zero at the end of the year. He said that he could see ticket prices being lower, so the gain/loss would adjust. Lindmeier has \$14,000 in her account already, and the \$8,000 would help her be able to put on another event after this.

## **VI. Other Business**

Vadino is graduating this quarter, so this meeting will be his last.

Lutsch proposed a group hug, and the council hugged Vadino.

LaVallee said that he would contact everybody about the emergency/online session. He would make a discussion on OrgSync, and have an open period of a few days where people could post questions, and LaVallee would answer them to the best of his ability.

There would be some kind of polling systems set up.

**The meeting was adjourned by Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, at 7:30 pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**