



Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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**Present:** Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Walter Lutsch (Club Representative), Jessi Navarre (AS Club Hub Representative), Erin Johnson (Club Representative), Corey Godfrey, Danielle Freyer (AS Club Hub Representative)

**Absent:** Merril Hunt-Paez, Alex LaVallee

**Advisor(s):** Casey Hayden

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

**Guests:** Sophie Casalini (OSA), Kristen McGonnigle (Socialist Alternative), Trevor Mansmith (Patricians of Western), Avynn Donaghe (Patricians of Western), Alexis Goss (Queer Club), Andy Souder (Cuong Nhu Marital Arts Club), Piper Evarts (Rollerblading Club), Eric Lawrence (Socialist Alternative), Ignacio Perez (Students for Forest Preservation), Katherine Winchell (Queer Club), Matthew Paige (WWU Queer Club), Mike Lee (WWU Gaming Association), Jennifer Devenport (PsychFest), Martha Torujo (ACC), Angelica Sanchez (MEChA), and Hugo Chavez (ESC)

### Motions

**AC-17-S-22** - Motion to approve the minutes from Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-23** - Motion to approve Gourmet Music Buffet as an official AS club under the category of Arts, Music, and Dance - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-24** - Motion to recognize WWU Rollerblading Club as an official AS club under the category Recreational - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-25** - Motion to recognize Students for Forest Preservation as an official AS club under the category Environmental - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-26** - Motion to approve \$200 for ACC, \$200 for OSA, \$135 for Queer Con, \$200 for Psych Fest, and \$200 for the Low-Riders Show - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-27** - Motion to approve the Personnel Office's request for \$200 for the AS End of Year Banquet - **FAILED**

**AC-17-S-28** - Motion to suspend the rules of operation - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-29** - Motion to make the Socialist Alternative info item an action item - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-30** - Motion to approve the amount of \$3324 from Club Conference for Socialist Alternative - **FAILED**

**AC-17-S-31** - Motion to give \$200 for WWU Gaming Association for their website upkeep for this year only, as a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites - **PASSED**

**AC-17-S-32** - Motion to approve the amount of \$20,000 for AS Pop for Lawnstock from Large Event Opportunity Fund - **PASSED**

**Walter Lutsch, chair pro tempore, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Mikhail Jackson yielded the chair to Walter Lutsch

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

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

**AC-17-S-22 by Navarre. Moved to approve the minutes from Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Second: Johnson**

**Vote: 4-0-2**

**PASSED**

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

Jackson said that Grants, Loans, and Underwrites were still in the red. Large Event Opportunity Fund was negative this time last year, but since there are only two years' worth of data that's not entirely accurate. Navarre clarified that some Grants, Loans, and Underwrites had been taken back and the actual negative was around \$5,000.

#### **IV. Club Recognition**

a. Patricians of Western

Representatives: Avynn Donaghe and Trevor Mansmith. They decided to change their name to Gourmet Music Buffet. The purpose of the club is to discuss music that's not in the mainstream. The week prior to a meeting, a playlist will be built. The playlist will be played during the meeting and then discussed. Each meeting will have a theme. Johnson asked if the club was going to be financially active. Donaghe said that all they wanted was a room; they probably wouldn't be spending money.

**AC-17-S-23 by Navarre. Moved to approve Gourmet Music Buffet as an official AS club under the category of Arts, Music, and Dance**

**Second: Johnson**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**PASSBD**

**b. WWU Rollerblading Club**

Representatives: Piper Evarts. This club will be focused on students, not just the Bellingham community. Godfrey asked how much interest had been generated. Evarts said that a few people were interested so far. Navarre asked if Evarts had reached out to anyone from Roller Derby. Evarts said that Roller Derby was focused on tactics, and that's not something the club would really do. Johnson asked where and how often the club was going to meet, and if members would have to supply their own gear. Evarts said that members would bring their own gear; this wouldn't be a taught club. There are paved roads at Boulevard club, and also parks around Bellingham. Lutsch said Fairhaven Park was paved. Navarre asked about liability waivers. Hayden said that he didn't discuss it when he met with Evarts. The risks are implied when going rollerblading.

**AC-17-S-24 by Freyer. Moved to recognize WWU  
Rollerblading Club as an official AS club under the category  
Recreational**

**Second: Johnson**                      **Vote: 6-0-0**                      **PASSED**

**c. Students for Forest Preservation**

Representative: Ignacio Perez. The club is oriented around doing nature preservation work on campus and in Whatcom's forests. There is currently a small group of students interested, and they'd like to generate more interest on campus. They might table in Red Square. Navarre asked how much interest had been generated. Perez said that they had talked to Students for the Salish Sea and work with them. Perez said that they'd like to generate interest by tabling, but have to be a club to do that. Lutsch asked what a typical club meeting would look like. Perez said that they would start out by giving updates on forestry projects in the area.

**AC-17-S-25 by Johnson. Moved to recognize Students for  
Forest Preservation as an official AS club under the  
category Environmental**

**Second: Navarre**                      **Vote: 6-0-0**                      **PASSED**

**V. Bookstore Donations**

Navarre pointed out that the council should hear all requests and then vote, since the donation fund would be depleted during this meeting,

**a. ACC: Heritage Dinner (\$200)**

Representative: Martha Torujo. ACC's heritage dinner is happening May 6<sup>th</sup>. This event is showcasing cultures around the Caribbean. Johnson asked how much money the

club had in their account. Torujo said that she didn't know, but ACC had asked community members and other organizations for donations. Navarre asked for more specifications on how the prizes would be handed out. Torujo said that there would be a Jeopardy game at the heritage dinner, and the winners would be given prizes. Freyer asked if the club could get prizes from another source. Lutsch said that clubs in the past had been pretty successful for asking for raffle prizes from local businesses.

**b. OSA: Lu'au (\$250)**

Representative: Sophie Casalini. Casalini said that this donation would help build baskets for a silent auction. The funds from the auction would go towards OxFam, a non-profit in New Zealand that helps build infrastructure in Oceania. It would also help the study abroad program. Godfrey asked Hayden if OSA could use Viking Funder for the study abroad program. Hayden said yes, and explained to the council what Viking Funder was.

**c. Queer Club: Queer Con (\$135)**

Representatives: Katherine Winchell, Alexis Goss, and Matthew Paige. Winchell said that these prizes would go towards prizes for the cosplay contest. Queer Club had tried to reach out to local businesses, but many had responded saying they could not afford to donate. Winchell said that if they did not get these funds, they could pay out-of-pocket for some queer comics as prizes.

**d. Psych Club and Psych Department: Psychfest (\$300)**

Representative: Jennifer Devenport. Ever year, on the last Friday of classes, the psych professors cancel classes. Students present their research at this event. The event is all-day; it goes from 9 am to 8 pm. There will be a keynote

speaker at the event. The psych department is expecting around 300 people to attend, and the attendees will be fed lunch. The bookstore donation will be door prizes for seeing the keynote speaker. Devenport explained that the event will be free for students to attend.

**e. MEChA: Low Riders Show (\$200)**

Representative: Angela Sanchez MEChA is holding their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Low Riders show. The bookstore donation will be prizes, which will be raffled off. The proceeds from the raffle will help keep the event sustainable.

**f. Personnel Office: AS End of Year Banquet (\$200)**

The council looked at some documents that the Personnel Office had sent in. They knew what the request was, since this event happened every year.

Godfrey suggested giving every club/requester 72% of what they asked for. The council crunched some numbers.

**AC-17-S-26 by Godfrey. Moved to approve \$200 for ACC, \$200 for OSA, \$135 for Queer Con, \$200 for Psych Fest, and \$200 for the Low-Riders Show**

**Second: Johnson Vote: 6-0-0** **PASSFD**

**AC-17-S-27 by Godfrey. Moved to approve the Personnel Office's request for \$200 for the AS End of Year Banquet**

**Second: Lutsch Vote: 0-6-0** **FAILED**

**VI. Information Items**

Since there was more money being requested than the council had, the council members looked at the budget,

**a. Socialist Alternative: SA Summer School (\$3324)**

Representatives: Eric Lawrence and Kristen McGonnigle. The WWU chapter of Socialist Alternative wants to go to a summer school that the national organization Socialist Alternative is putting on. The request has been updated, and

the SAF has agreed to fund the entire request. Navarre said that she'd like to deny the request, since they were already getting funded by the SAF. Lawrence pointed out that they had to go to Activities Council first to request money. The council discussed possible changes to this system, since the SAF was untested.

**AC-17-S-28 by Godfrey. Moved to suspend the rules of operation.**

**Second: Freyer                      Vote: 6-0-0      PASSFD**

**AC-17-S-29 by Godfrey. Moved to make the Socialist Alternative info item an action item**

**Second: Johnson                      Vote: 6-0-0      PASSFD**

**AC-17-S-30 by Godfrey. Moved to approve the amount of \$3324 from Club Conference for Socialist Alternative**

**Second: Navarre                      Vote: 0-6-0      FAILFD**

Lutsch asked Hayden about giving funds to political clubs. Hayden said that the point of the council was to be impartial. The fund should be accessible to anyone. Godfrey said he was thinking about things in terms of educational purposes. Chavez put in that as long as it wasn't giving a negative experience to people on campus, the request should be fine.

- b. WWU Gaming Association: Website upkeep (\$200)**  
Representative: Mike Lee. Lee had a PowerPoint showing statistics about gaming in college. WWU GA wants to increase awareness for itself. The council asked Lee why he couldn't use WordPress. Lee said that it didn't support unique domains, and also the amount of activity that the website might see. Johnson asked how new students would become aware of the website and the club. Navarre suggested that the club become sustainable.

**Lutsch reinstated the rules of operation by acclimation.  
The information item was acknowledged as an action  
item**

Lutsch wanted to fund this only if the website was made sustainable and the club got their funding elsewhere in the future.

**AC-17-S-31 by Navarre. Moved to give \$200 for WWU  
Gaming Association for their website upkeep for this  
year only, as a grant from Grants, Loans, and  
Underwrites**

**Second: Godfrey                      Vote: 6-0-0                      PASSED**

**c. Cuong Nhu: Training Camp (\$650)**

Representative: Andy Souder. Cuong Nhu offers free martial arts classes on campus three times a week. There is a Cuong Nhu training camp in North Carolina that two members would like to go to. They already have their plane tickets, they just need \$325 each for registration. Johnson asked about the \$267 already in the club account. Souder explained that those funds went towards annual dues and membership fees. Lutsch reminded the council that the soft limit for club conferences per person was \$150. Navarre asked if the members could still go if only \$150 was given per person. Souder said that the members had applied for scholarships from the organization, and we were waiting to hear back about that. The deadline for registration is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Johnson said that next week, she'd like to hear what the max limit out-of-pocket for the members is. Souder said that the scholarships would be approved by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Navarre said that the council had a meeting that day, and would be willing to table the item until then. Souder said that the council could give the money as an underwrite.



## **VII. Large Event Opportunity Fund Information Items**

### **a. ESC Night Market (\$2165)**

Representative: Hugo Chavez. Chavez explained that he is working in collaboration with the ESC and the Entrepreneurship minor. It's a market that will be in the evening on the Old Main lawn. The funding will go towards buying 18 canopies. The ESC looked at renting, but if this event continues then they'll pay for the canopies in two years. Lutsch asked if the canopies would be available for use by other AS offices. Chavez said he didn't know, and that Simon Bahta was going to take care of storage. Hayden liked the idea of having a lot of canopies for the AS, even if they were going to eventually break. Chavez asked if the council recommended requesting money for better canopies. Lutsch said that the fund only had \$26,000 and if the AS Pop item got approved then it would be at \$6,000. Chavez said that he wouldn't mind waiting until closer to the event, at the end of May. The council had more discussions about using the canopies outside the Night Market.

## **VIII. Large Event Opportunity Fund Action Items**

### **a. AS Pop: Lawnstock (\$20,000)**

The council discussed the information that Jonah Falk had brought in last week. The council thought that \$20,000 was a lot for a headliner, but Hayden said that it was actually a pretty good deal. This money would greatly improve the budget that Lawnstock was usually given. Even if the acts fell through, Falk could still put on a pretty good show. Godfrey said he wasn't sure about it still. The council said that it seemed like only ESC Night Market was coming during the quarter, so depleting the fund would probably be okay.

**AC-17-S-32 by Johnson. Moved to approve the amount of  
\$20,000 for AS Pop for Lawnstock from Large Event  
Opportunity Fund**

**Second: Navarre                      Vote: 6-0-0                      PASSED**

**Walter Lutsch, chair pro tempore, adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.**