



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council**

**Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 27, 2017**

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

**Absent:**

**Advisor(s):** Casey Hayden

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

**Guests:** Mo Atkinson (Disabilities and Neuro-Divergency Club), Joel Weisel (Disabilities and Neuro-Divergency Club), Roxy Flohr (Disabilities and Neuro-Divergency Club), Mackenzie Grinnell (Students for the Salish Sea), Matthew Paige (WWU Queer Club), Katherine Winchell (WWU Queer Club), Adam Hockemeyer (WWU Gaming Association), Rhain Zipeto (WWU Gaming Association), Mike Lee (WWU Gaming Association), James Egaran (Western Front Reporter), Thomas Tague (WWU Urban Planners), Zoe Pollard (WWU Great Puzzle Hunt), Ethan Katz (Juggling Club), Henry Haro (Western Geographic Society), Jason Newell (Western Geographic Society), Sara Bauer (Human Services Student Union), Monika Baumgart (Environmental Hope), Tyler Reid (WWU Stargazing Club), Josh Gershon (WWU Stargazing Club), Danny Fratella (WWU Hikes), and Sean Haight (WWU Great Puzzle Hunt)

**Motions**

**AC-17-W-42** - Motion to approve minutes from Activities Council's 2-13-17 meeting with the fix to Hunt-Paez's name - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-43** - Motion to recognize WWU Stargazing Club as an official AS club under the category “Special Interest” - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-44** - Motion to recognize Disability and Neuro-Divergence Club as an official AS club under the category Social Issues - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-45** - Motion to approve the Western Washington University Gaming Association as an official AS club under the category of Gaming - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-46** - Motion to recognize Western Geographic Society as an official AS club under the category Academic/Departmental - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-47** - Motion to recognize Juggling Club as an official AS club under the category Recreational - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-48** - Motion to recognize the club Human Services Student Union as an official AS club under the category Academic/Departmental - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-49** - Motion to approve Environmental Hope as an official AS club under the category Environmental - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-50** - Motion to approve the amount of \$299 in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to WWU Hikes for Ski to Sea Registration - **FAILED**

**AC-17-W-51** - Motion to approve \$249 for WWU Hikes for their Ski to Sea event in the form of a grant from grants, loans, and underwrites - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-52** - Motion to approve \$1500 in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites for WWU Great Puzzle Hunt for their Puzzle Hunt - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-53** - Motion to approve \$6200 in the form of a loan for WWU Queer Club for their Queer Con - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-54** - Motion to move the WWU Comic Book Club to an action item and approve \$390 as a loan for their printing costs - **PASSED**

**AC-17-W-55** - Motion to approve \$3350 in the form of a grant from the Large Event Opportunity Fund for the Disability Outreach Center with the exception that they were under a time crunch - **PASSED**

**Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm on February 27, 2017.**



**c. Disability and Neuro-Divergence Club**

Reps: Joel Weisel, Mo Atkinson, and Roxy Flohr. Weisel said that the club would be a safe space for neuro-divergent students and students with disabilities. They're planning on meeting in an accessible room and will be coordinating with the Disability Outreach Center. Lutsch asked if the club had reached out to NAMI on Campus. Weisel said not yet, but they planned on it in the future. Navarre asked what rooms they were considering. Weisel said the VU early in the evening, or Miller Hall. Johnson asked how much interest had been generated. Weisel said around ten people in-person, but people had been asking for a club like this for a while. Navarre asked what a regular meeting would look like. Weisel said it would depend on the needs of the members, or advocacy, or bringing in speakers.

**AC-17-W-44 by Johnson. Moved to recognize Disability and Neuro-Divergence Club as an official AS club under the category Social Issues.**

**Second: LaVallee**

**Vote: 6-0-0 PASSED**

**d. WWU Gaming Association**

Reps: Adam Hockemeyer, Rhain Zipeto, and Mike Lee. Lee said that he'd been thinking about doing this club for a while, and wanted it to be inclusive for all gamers. They planned on having cross-club meetings, for people with multiple interests. There are also plans to establish relationships with other universities and organizations. Eight different clubs are associated with this club. Hockemeyer said that he had reached out to similar clubs at UW and Whatcom Community College. Zipeto said that he had reached out to other organizations about eSports. Lee said

that they'll make sure that the club leaders are strong ones, and that they are connected with trends in the gaming industry. Lee had a very detailed slideshow which he showed the committee. LaVallee asked if there was anything in the club's constitution so that the budgets of the club were kept separate. Lee said that he was no longer going to be the president of Overwatch Club, which would help with that. Navarre asked what a meeting of the WWUGA would look like compared to the meeting of a singular club. Lee said that this club would be more for planning joint activities. LaVallee asked if every president from the clubs involved would be an officer in WWUGA. Hockemeyer said yes, there would be a council that ran the club

**AC-17-W-45 by Lutsch. Moved to approve the Western Washington University Gaming Association as an official AS club under the category of Gaming.**

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

e. Western Geographic Society

Johnson stepped out for a moment.

Representative: Henry Haro and Jason Newell. The club would be for students interested in human and physical geography and those studying the subjects. Activities would include games, map-making, and trivia. Navarre asked how much interest had been generated. Haro said that they had kept the club quiet until they had events for people to do. They're connected with geography faculty at Western. Newell said they had about five members now, but were hoping to expand. LaVallee asked what the club would look like for students not studying geography. Newell said that the

member would all have a say in what events were being put on.

**AC-17-W-46 by Navarre. Moved to recognize Western Geographic Society as an official AS club under the category Academic/Departmental**

**Second: Hunt-Paez Second: 5-0-0 PASSED**

**f. Juggling Club**

Representative: Ethan Katz. The club would be for students who enjoy juggling. About ten people are interested in joining the club. Katz said that he and other people in the club had enough equipment for about ten people. Lutsch suggested reaching out to the Western Society of Magicians to collaborate.

Johnson stepped back into the room at this time.

**AC-17-W-47 by Navarre. Moved to recognize Juggling Club as an official AS club under the category Recreational**

**Second: LaVallee**

**Vote: 5-0-1**

**PASSED**

**g. Arabic Culture and Language Club**

No members were present, so the item was tabled

**h. Human Services Student Union**

Representative: Sara Bauer. Bauer is a student in the Human Resources department. The club has been going unofficially for about a year and a half, and is a resource center for students in the Human Resources major. Hayden asked if this was a new incarnation of Students for Social Change. Bauer said no, this was an entirely unrelated club. She said that they might contact that club in the future. Navarre asked where the club planned

on meeting. Bauer said that they already met in Miller Hall 131 at 6 pm on Thursdays. LaVallee asked what a student not in the major would get out of the club. Bauer said that the meetings were mostly leaders within the club planning events. Meetings in the past have included watching social justice documentaries and listening to speakers and alumni.

**AC-17-W-48 by Johnson. Moved to recognize the club Human Services Student Union as an official AS club under the category Academic/Departmental**  
**Second: Navarre Vote: 6-0-0 PASSED**

**i. Environmental Hope**

Representative: Monika Baumgart. Baumgart said that the club will be a support group for students worried about the environment. They won't be an advocacy group, but a place for students to just meet. About six students have been attending meetings, and interest has been generated in over thirty students. Lutsch suggested reaching out to Acts of Kindness Club. Baumgart said that they hadn't reached out yet, but hoped to. LaVallee asked what the environmental part of the club would be. Baumgart said that the environmental was a place that you lived in, and they would be talking about both the natural and human world. LaVallee asked about the sustainability of the club. Baumgart said that there weren't any leaders of the club, everyone decided things together. LaVallee clarified, what would happen if there was somebody that they wanted to leave. Baumgart said that the club would discuss it, and if things got really dire they would have an anonymous vote. She said that a few students were interested in being leaders in the future.

**AC-17-W-49 by Lutsch. Moved to approve Environmental Hope as an official AS club under the category Environmental.**

**Second: Johnson**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**PASSED**

**IV. Information Items (10 minutes each)**

**a. Viking Radio Theatre: 1940s Mystery Dinner Night (\$8402)**

Representative: Walter Lutsch. Lutsch said that the event had been held in the past two years, and had been successful both time. The event has a 1940s-themed atmosphere, a murder mystery throughout the night, a live band, swing dancing, dinner, casino gaming, and a live radio theatre performance from Viking Radio Theatre. In the past, all ticket revenue is given back to the council. Lutsch said that the reception to the past two events was very positive. Navarre asked about the location of the event. Lutsch said that the club was looking at the Leopold Crystal Ballroom, the Fairhaven Public Library, and the Majestic Ballroom. They preferred the Majestic. Lutsch added that they were hopefully going to be working with Back to Bellingham to be included in that weekend's events. Navarre asked if there was going to be an age limit, because of the casino gaming. Lutsch said there wasn't actual gambling, just playing with chips. There was the potential for children's tickets. LaVallee asked if this was still a collaboration with Swing Kids. Lutsch said no, based on some things that had happened last year. Catering will be done by Aramark. Navarre asked how many people will be comped into the event. Lutsch said about thirty people, including volunteers and performers. For next week, the council wanted an updated budget from the club.

**b. Urban Planners: Portland trip (\$1300)**

Representative: Thomas Tague. This trip will occur over Spring Break. The plan is to gain experience in the urban planning of areas other than Bellingham. Six people are definitely going, and up to ten people are interested. They have tentative meetings with various planning departments in the area of Portland. After the trip, the people who went will present what they learned to the rest of the club. Tague said he knew that \$1300 was a lot, so he itemized things that could be taken off or reduced. Navarre said that the council could not provide funding for meals. Johnson said that next week, she wanted to know if the students attending were okay with paying their own public transportation. LaVallee asked how the club was planning on getting down to Portland. Tague said that everyone would be responsible for getting themselves down. There was discussion about renting a Western van. Navarre said she would like a rough itinerary for each day of the trip. Tague said that he would provide the council with an updated budget next week.

**c. Students for the Salish Sea: Benefit Concert (\$1268)**

Representative: Mackenzie Grinnell. The club is putting on a benefit concert to raise awareness about the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline, which will go from Alberta to Vancouver and down to Cherry Point. Several activist artists will be performing. A few Lummi performers will be performing at the concert as well, since indigenous communities are affected by the pipeline. Organizations and clubs will be able to table at the concert. There will be a raffle and items to buy in order to raise funds. Navarre asked if any clubs were co-sponsoring, and Grinnell

said no. LaVallee asked about the location, and Grinnell said that they would be performing on the Communications Lawn with the Lawnstock stage. LaVallee said that he would like to see about an expected revenue, since they wanted to be careful about what money was raised. Grinnell said that it was more of a benefit to raise awareness, rather than a fundraiser. Navarre asked about the items being sold at the concert. Grinnell said that they were going through a company to make patches and stickers. The event is going to be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The multi-purpose room is a back-up if it rains that day. For next week, the council wants information on a bookstore donation, and an outreach/ publicity budget

**d. WWU Hikes: Ski to Sea Registration (\$299)**

Representative: Danny Fratella. Fratella said that eight students from the club are interested, which is just the right amount for a team. The club is planning on paying half of the registration themselves. LaVallee and Johnson were worried that this might set a precedent for Ski to Sea teams coming to Activities Council for registration money. LaVallee wanted to know how this would help the rest of campus. Fratella said that the members of the team were going to wear Go-Pros and edit together a video of their experience. Johnson asked if the members were willing to pay more for tickets if they couldn't get the funds. Hayden pointed out that this request wasn't much different from a club requesting funds to go do the challenge course at Lakewood. It was about team building, and not personal gain. Jackson asked if the club could fundraise for the registration next year. Fratella said that they would consider it.

**AC-17-W-50 by Navarre. Moved to approve the amount of \$299 in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to WWU Hikes for Ski to Sea Registration.**

**Second: Hunt-Paez Vote: 3-1-2 FAILED**

Johnson said that she didn't feel comfortable giving money to this club over other events that served the whole campus.

Lutsch agreed that this didn't serve a lot of students on campus. Fratella said that a lot of people from the club would be attending as support. Johnson suggested asking for funds from council members. Navarre reminded the council that \$750 was approved for Circle K to go to a leadership conference.

LaVallee said that this was different because it didn't have a leadership component to it. LaVallee and Johnson wondered if the members would be willing to pay their own tickets. Fratella said that it would be \$75 per person, plus \$50 split between the eight members. Hayden pointed out that the council had sent clubs to competitions before.

**AC-17-W-51 by LaVallee. Moved to approve \$249 for WWU Hikes for their Ski to Sea event in the form of a grant from grants, loans, and underwrites.**

**Second: Lutsch Vote: 4-1-1 PASSED**

e. WWU Comic Book Club for Queer Con (\$390 loan)

Representative: Julia Rutledge.

Rutledge explained that the money was going towards printing costs for programs for Queer Con. The programs would look like a comic book and have advertising space in them that would go back to the con. LaVallee asked if the club would be able to pay the loan back. Winchell said that once tickets were sold, Comic

Book Club would be paid back by Queer Club. Lutsch suggested writing up a contract between the clubs, just in case not all the money was going to be paid back. Paige said that currently, they had only verbal contracts, but some could be written up.

The item was tabled until Queer Con was being discussed.

**V. Action Items (10 minutes each)**

**a. WWU Great Puzzle Hunt (\$1500)**

Representative: Zoe Pollard and Sean Haight. Pollard passed out answers to the questions that the council had during last meeting. Pollard said that there was a contract going through Campus Services for security for the event. Pollard said that she contacted Shalom, who said that extra security was only needed if the event was inside. Pollard gave low, high, and medium estimates in costs based on estimates of attendance. In terms of publicity, there is a Facebook page, there will be posters, and emails were sent out to all WWU departments. Registration should increase during the week of the Puzzle Hunt, but there are already teams signed up from different states. Prizes will be in the form of Amazon gift cards, and there will be prizes for winners in each division. There were a few printing and advertising costs that Pollard outlined. Navarre asked if there was a plan to make the event sustainable. Pollard said that they had a five-year plan. They wanted to become a non-profit next year, since the puzzles are educational. They would be able to request donations. There is a \$400 fee to register as a non-profit, but they have a donor who is willing to pay that. Pollard said that she and her club members had asked community members for donations. In the fifth year, the plan is to publish



**VI. Large Event Opportunity Fund Information Items (10 minutes each)**

**a. Disability Outreach Center: Clayton Raitchel (\$2650)**

Representative: Courtney. Last quarter, the DOC put on the event Beat the Blues, and over three hundred students attended. During her awareness week next quarter, Courtney wants to have that much attendance every day. She wants to bring in Clayton Raitchel, a comedian who talks about depression. Courtney wanted to haggle the amount up so she could put on more events. Navarre agreed that Courtney should get more money, since there were budget cuts last year.

LaVallee pointed out that the budget cuts were self-imposed, so that wasn't a valid reason, but putting on another event later in the year was a good reason. Lutsch said that 64% of the LEOF hadn't been used so far. LaVallee said that this was a special circumstance, since the speaker would no longer be available if he was not booked this morning.

**AC-17-W-55 by Lutsch. Moved to approve \$3350 in the form of a grant from the Large Event Opportunity Fund for the Disability Outreach Center with the exception that they were under a time crunch.**

**Second: Navarre**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**PASSED**

**Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.**