



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 1st, 2017

Present: Alex LaVallee (AS VP for Activities), Mikhail Jackson (AS Club Business Director), Walter Lutsch (Club Representative), Jessi Navarre (AS Club Hub Representative), Danielle Freyer (AS Club Hub Representative), Erin Johnson (Club Representative), Corey Godfrey (Student at Large)

Absent: Merril Hunt-Paez

Advisor(s): Casey Hayden

Secretary: Julia Rutledge (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Guests: Anna Yu (Pre-Law Club), August Waldron (WWU Philosophy), Sam Bakony (Pre-Law Club), Adam Bresnan (Pre-Law Club), Sarah Sasek (Students for the Salish Sea), Claire Anderson (Western Trail Corps), Andy Souder (Cuong Nhu), Lee Cox (Stand-Up Comedy Klub), Chaisten Weigel (Pre-Law Club)

Motions

AC-17-S-41 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 3rd - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-42 - Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 24th - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-43 - Motion to recognize WWU Student American Rehabilitation Counseling Association as an official AS Club under the category Pre-Professional/Honorary - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-44 - Motion to approve Pre-Law Club as an official AS club under the category Pre-Professional and Honorary - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-45 - Motion to approve \$350 for Cuong Nhu for the purpose of assisting their training camp registration from Club Conferences - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-46 - Motion to approve \$1500 in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to WWU Philosophy Club for their Philosophy Conference - **FAILED**

AC-17-S-47 - Motion to approve \$1900 for WWU Philosophy club for their Philosophy Conference from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of a grant - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-48 - Motion to approve \$250 in the form of a grant for Stand Up Comedy Klub's Stand Up for Planned Parenthood event from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-49 - Motion to simultaneously suspend the rules of operation and move the information item to an action item - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-50 - Motion to approve the amount of \$960 for the Students for Renewable Energy for their Green Tie Gala from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of an underwrite - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-51 - Motion to move the Students for the Salish Sea information item to an action item - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-52 - Motion to approve \$700 in the form of an underwrite for the Students for the Salish Sea for their Wilderness First Aid Certifications from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites - **PASSED**

AC-17-S-53 - Motion to amend a previous motion that took funding from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to be from Club Conferences - **PASSED**

Walter Lutsch, chair pro tempore, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm on May 1st, 2017.

I. Revisions to the Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes

a. 4-3 and 4-24

AC-17-S-41 by Godfrey. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 3rd.

Second: Freyer

Vote: 4-0-1

PASSED

AC-17-S-42 by Godfrey. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 24th

Second: Freyer Vote: 5-0-2 PASSED

Chair was yielded to Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities

III. Business Director's Report

Jackson reported that the only big real change was that Queer Con was over, and the council would be getting that loan back. Lutsch asked about the balance from last meeting, which was negative \$5000 or so.

IV. Club Recognition

a. Body Positivity Society

No representatives were present, so the item was tabled

b. WWU Student American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (SARCA)

Hayden was representing the club, which was being started by graduate students based in Everett. The idea of the group is that a particular graduate program student based in Everett which goes to community colleges. They would like to form a chapter of SARCA. Lutsch asked what kind of supports SARCA had on their campus. Hayden said he didn't think they had much, but they would be able to access Activities Council funds remotely. Navarre asked if they planned on being financially active. Hayden said he wasn't sure, although they indicated on OrgSync that they were.

AC-17-S-43 by Navarre. Motion to recognize WWU Student American Rehabilitation Counseling Association as an official AS Club under the category Pre-Professional / Honorary

Second: Lutsch Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

c. Pre-Law Club

Representatives: Anna Yu, Adam Bresnan, Sam Bakony, Chaisten Weigel. The club would help students with the law school admissions test and provide resources for pre-law students. They were hoping to travel to seminars and have speakers from law firms in town. Godfrey asked how much interest had been generated. Bresnan said that they had 20 members, and were going to put up posters around campus this week. Lutsch asked what a meeting would look like for a student who attended in the middle of the quarter. Bresnan said that they would recap on the basics of the club at the beginning of each meeting and review the minutes. New members could recognize new members and explain what the club is all about.

AC-17-S-44 by Lutsch. Motion to approve Pre-Law Club as an official AS club under the category Pre-Professional and Honorary

Second: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0

PASSED

V. Action Items

a. Cuong Nhu: Training Camp (\$650)

Representative: Andy Souder. The club came in two weeks ago to request money to send members to a training camp on the East Coast. They were waiting to hear about scholarships from the larger organization, and it turned out that a recent graduate of the club was given a scholarship, but only one scholarship could be given per club. Godfrey reminded the club that the plane tickets had already been paid for by the members who were going. Souder said that both students had the financial ability to pay for some of the registration, but any assistance would be appreciated.

AC-17-S-45 by Lutsch. Motion to approve \$350 for Cuong Nhu for the purpose of assisting their training camp registration from Club Conferences.

Second: Godfrey

Johnson asked for clarification that the funding was \$175 per person. LaVallee confirmed that it was.

Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

b. WWU Philosophy: Philosophy Conference (\$1900)

Representative: August Waldron. Waldron reminded the council that he was asking for money to put on an annual Philosophy Conference. There were some issues with leadership in the club this year, which is why the request is so late. Waldron said that they had accepted a few people for the conference already. He recapped that this was one of the few conferences in the US that showcased undergraduate work. They're bringing in a keynote speaker; Tom Crisp. Freyer asked if the \$670 from the philosophy department on the budget was factored into the request. Waldron said that the Philosophy Dept, was willing to buffer whatever Activities Council could not pay. Lutsch asked for clarification; if the council couldn't fund the whole event, what would happen? Waldron said that they were assuming the Philosophy Dept could contribute about \$678, as they did last year. They might have to cut down on the amount of speakers they invited and the meals they offered. Lutsch asked if Jackson had a ballpark estimate for how much money was available to spend. Godfrey put in that they had about \$6500, based on what was given away last week. The council looked at their checkbook in OrgSync. Navarre asked Waldron about food expenses. Waldron explained the meals that they were providing for people. They were doing half-Aramark catering, half catering

from somewhere else. Lutsch said that Aramark might not like that. Navarre assured Waldron that catering was an easy office to walk into and get help from. Godfrey pointed out that if everything was approved today, it would take half of what was left of the council's funding.

AC-17-S-46 by Lutsch. Motion to approve \$1500 in the form of a grant from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to WWU Philosophy Club for their Philosophy Conference

Second: Navarre

Godfrey asked Waldron if the conference could still happen if only \$1500 was given. Waldron said he would talk to the Philosophy Department. LaVallee said he would prefer to fund the whole amount. Navarre said she'd like to talk about making the event sustainable, since it was an event that would keep coming back. Navarre asked Waldron what typical attendance was like. He said that it was about 45, but some talks could have as much as 100. Navarre said it was a lot of money for 45 people, and suggested reaching out to multiple departments to advertise.

Vote: 2-4-1 FAILED

Lutsch suggested opening the event up to the general Western community as much as possible, since people who weren't in the major would probably be interested. He also said that they could ask for a donation during an event.

AC-17-S-47 by Godfrey. Motion to approve \$1900 for WWU Philosophy club for their Philosophy Conference from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of a grant

Vote: 4-1-2 PASSED

Lutsch told Waldron that he could come in to his office to get some more training on running a club.

c. Stand-Up Comedy Klub: Stand Up for Planned Parenthood (\$250)

Representative: Lee Cox. The money will go towards renting Old Main Theatre for an event on June 1st. The event will be a stand-up comedy showcase of all-female comedians as a fundraiser for Planned Parenthood. Navarre said that as a benefit event, the club would have to pay back \$250 before they raised money for Planned Parenthood. Cox said that he was hoping to get a grant, but he didn't have enough information about the process. Hayden said that as per the state funding rules, there was a difference between the whole event being a benefit and having a free-will donation during the event. Hayden said that it all depended on how the event was run. Cox said that it would be a free-will donation, rather than an actual benefit. That would enable him to get funding. LaVallee asked if Cox felt like he could make back \$250. Cox said that he hoped so; this was their first time doing an event like this. He said that it depended on advertising. Navarre asked how Cox planned on doing publicity, since they had \$100 for publicity from Fall Quarter. Cox said that was unrelated; they would be doing out-of-pocket publicity. Navarre suggested tabling on Vendor's Row and taking donations there. Cox said that when their plans were more solidified, they were planning on reaching out to VOX.

AC-17-S-48 by LaVallee. Motion to approve \$250 in the form of a grant for Stand Up Comedy Klub's Stand Up for

Planned Parenthood event from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites

Second: Freyer

Lutsch expressed concern about planning and the timing of the event. He was worried that \$250 would go towards the event and there wasn't enough publicity for the event. Cox said that he has experience running shows and publicity. He said that all he needed was the space to get things going.

Hayden said that he knew the council's concerns about benefit events, but suggested that people just let it go. Free-will donations were always difficult. Hayden suggested the council looked at it like helping a club putting on an event, rather than donating money. Godfrey agreed with Hayden, and argued that the \$250 was not going to Planned Parenthood, but a club. They weren't talking about a sustainable event yet.

Vote: 5-0-2 PASSED

VI. Information Items

a. Students for Renewable Energy: Green Tie Gala (\$960)

Representatives: Claire Anderson and Trisha Patterson. This will be the 6th annual Green Tie Gala. This year, entry will be by donation, although in the past tickets were around \$10. The money will go towards the clubs that put the club on. Money will go towards security, publicity, food, and a speaker fee. The event will be on May 23rd in the VU MPR. The speakers and music are lined up, and the publicity is already designed.

Godfrey asked if the event would still proceed if the council could not fund the amount. Patterson said that it would still, somehow. Johnson asked why the ticket price was changed.

Patterson said that having tickets by donation would encourage

more people to come who could pay a different price. Hayden asked if the other big change was food. Patterson said that yes, they weren't funding a meal but food and desserts. SRE would be handling food. SSF is doing décor. Hayden asked where the food was coming from. Patterson said that the SRE would be using the Co-op kitchen and their food handler's permit to make food; or they would ask the Co-op for food by donation. Navarre asked about the speaker fee. Patterson said that Troy and Shirley Williams, Lummi members, were invited since the theme of the event was the Salish Sea. Five musicians from the College of Fine Arts were being invited, and their fee was \$250 total. Godfrey asked how many clubs were contributing financial contributions. Patterson said none. Godfrey asked how many clubs would be receiving funds based on donation. Patterson said four. Godfrey asked about the clubs. They were: Students for Renewable Energy, Students for the Salish Sea, Students for Sustainable Food, and Western Trail Corps. Navarre asked if all four clubs were contributing equally to the event. Patterson said yes. Navarre asked how the funds from previous versions of this event had helped clubs in the past. Patterson said that SRE held Divestment Teach-Ins, had Foundation Meetings, having food at club meetings, voter registration in the Fall, and food during phone banking. Navarre asked if the funds were vital to the club's running. Patterson said yes; otherwise it would come out-of-pocket. LaVallee asked about the ESP's involvement. Patterson said that Julia Henson at the ESP would help write up contracts and print out some invitations. LaVallee suggested the ESP come get funds from the LEOF. Patterson said that the ESP wasn't planning, but just offering their knowledge. Lutsch suggested turning the item into an action item since the event was on May 23rd. Godfrey asked

if the clubs could use their funds from last year's event to help fund this year's.

AC-17-S-49 by Lutsch. Motion to simultaneously suspend the rules of operation and move the information item to an action item

Second: Godfrey Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

AC-17-S-50 by Godfrey. Motion to approve the amount of \$960 for the Students for Renewable Energy for their Green Tie Gala from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites in the form of an underwrite

Second: Lutsch Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

- b. Students for the Salish Sea: Wilderness First Aid Certification (\$700)

Representative: Sarah Sasek. Sasek said that the Students for the Salish Sea were sending students to an indigenous camp on an island, and the people running the camp asked that any visitors be prepared and avoid being a liability. The club was hoping to get four students trained with Wilderness First Aid. Sasek said that students attempted to go up to the camp over the winter but got into a car accident. After that, they wanted to make sure that their members had medical training. Sasek said that this summer, they were planning on having four different trips over the summer and one trained person each trip. Lutsch said that since the event was happening May 13-14, the item should be voted on today. Godfrey pointed out that the club had already asked for money this year. Lutsch said that \$1500 per club per year was about average. Navarre asked Sasek if she knew anything about the club's treasury. The council had already given some money and it didn't appear to have been spent. It

was for the beneficiary of a benefit concert. Navarre said that she wasn't comfortable giving money towards this club until the club's account was cleared up. The council discussed Student for the Salish Sea's previous request and what they spent the money on. Sasek said that the money from this current request would go towards the Outdoor Center. She said that the club was also trying to print a banner, which would be about \$50. They're also planning a summer fellowship. Navarre asked if there were any other training dates later in the quarter that the students could attend.

Sasek said she thought that this was the last one.

AC-17-S-51 by Godfrey. Motion to move the Students for the Salish Sea information item to an action item

Second: Lutsch Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

AC-17-S-52 by Lutsch. Motion to approve \$700 in the form of an underwrite for the Students for the Salish Sea for their Wilderness First Aid Certifications from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites

Second: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

AC-17-S-53 by Lutsch. Motion to amend a previous motion that took funding from Grants, Loans, and Underwrites to be from Club Conferences

Second: LaVallee Vote: 7-0-0 PASSED

Godfrey said that the council now had about \$2500 in Grants, Loans, and Underwrites.

LaVallee said that for the next three meetings, the first hour would be given to the agenda and the second hour would be given to discussing the future of Activities Council.

Alex LaVallee, VP for Activities, adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.