



Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday January 14th, 2019

Present: Ama Monkah (AS VP of Activities), Ikenna Onukwufor (AS Clubs Business Director), Rikua Rodriguez (Student-at-large), Ryan Mouché (Student-at-large), Celia Major (Student-at-large), Kevin Harris (Student-at-large)

Absent: Douglas Van Druff (AS Clubs Business Coordinator)

Advisors: Jenn Cook

Secretary: Travis Felver

Guests: Laura Anthony (Surfridge), Olivia Hall (Archery Club), Ian Sloan (Archery Club), Natnael Zegherghish (WWU NSBE), Stephen Fischer (Bellingham Saber Guild), Anthony Roselli (Bellingham Saber Guild), Aileen Rivera (Baile de WWU)

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Motions

AC-19-W-32 Moved to approve the minutes

AC-19-W-33 Moved to approve WWU Bellingham Saber Club as a club under the Special Interest Category

AC-19-W-34 Moved to approve 200 dollars in bookstore donations

AC-19-W-35 Moved to table request

AC-19-W-36 Moved to approve 290 dollars in the form of a grant.

AC-19-W-37 Moved to change the Surf Rider Foundation request to an action item

AC-19-W-38 Moved to approve 200 dollars in the form of a grant.

- I. Revisions to Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes

AC-19-W-32 by Onukwufor Moved to approve the minutes from 2/25/19.

Second: Rodriguez

Vote 6-0-0

PASSED

III. Business Director's Report

- A. Grants Loans & Underwrites: % of the total
- B. Bookstore Donations: % of total
- C. Club Conference Fund: % of total
- D. Large Event Fund % of total

IV. Club Recognition

- A. WWU Bellingham Saber Club
Representatives: Stephen Fischer, Anthony Roselli.

Focus: To expand on the creation ideal of May the 4th. To encourage a fun, accepting environment, teach others how to build their own lightsaber, basic saber choreography, and promote a welcoming environment for all. A saber is not required to join, and it is encouraged all join.

- Monkah asked how many members they currently have. Fischer responded there are roughly 13 WWU student members though community members are welcome to attend club meetings, making it roughly 30-50 members per event.

Planned Activities: Several variations of saber tag, lessons in saber choreography, and saber building

Planned Financial Needs: There will be a few future needs, mainly focused around equipment maintenance. Monkah suggested beginning some official fundraising. Fischer responded they are already in talks as to how they want to fund-raise, and plan on actively fundraising as much as they can.

- Mouché asked how often they meet. Fischer responded roughly once a month, up to a community vote, with a planned second meeting for officers.
- Mouché asked where they usually meet and practice. Fischer responded outside in Red Square with the next event being on the 15th.

AC-19-W-33 by Monkah. Moved to approve WWU Saber Club as a club under the Special Interest category.

Second:

Vote 6-0-0

PASSED

V. Bookstore Requests

- A. Khmer Student Association (\$200)

Purpose: Prizes for their gift basket which will be given away in raffles during their cultural New Year Show

AC-19-W-34 by Monkah. Moved to approve 200 dollars in the form of a bookstore donation.

Seconded: Onukwufor

Vote 6-0-0

PASSED

B. PsychClub/Psychology Association (\$300)

Purpose: Gift cards for raffles in a conference in June for fundraising purposes. There will be roughly 200 students attending. Monkah said she is uncertain how large the gift cards will be in order to divide up prizes. Harris agreed. Rodriguez said this is important information

AC-19-W-35 by Monkah. Moved to table this request.

Seconded: Rodriguez

Vote 6-0-0

PASSED

VI. Action Items

A. Western's Archery Club (\$290)

Representatives: Olvia Hall, Ian Sloan

Purpose: The 90 dollars is for a membership fee in order to be part of USA Archery, which allows them to be recognized as a college club and can participate in tournaments and the larger community of college archery teams. This will also give them access to grant money in order to be more self sufficient in gear. The 200 dollars is for a net to provide safer practices.

- Cook asked if they are still meeting off campus. Hall responded that they are meeting at Laurel Church with their high-level coach, and they want to move on campus in order to encourage student participation.
- Monkah asked if the net would allow them to move on campus. Hall responded that it would allow them to move anywhere, and they plan on moving to the campus field. Monkah said that she feels these are both good investments.

AC-19-W-36 by Monkah. Moved to approve 290 dollars in the form of a grant.

Seconded: Onukwufor

Vote 6-0-0

PASSED

VII. Information Items

A. National Society of Black Engineers (\$1,950)

Representative: Natnael Zegherghish

Purpose: To attend a national conference in Detroit, Michigan, from the 27th to the 1st one of the largest student government organization in the United States in order to make connections encouraging the creation of black engineers.

Usage: This estimate is for the previous average.

- Onukwufor asked what the new request total is. Zegherghish responded 1,000 dollars.
- Monkah asked why the amount has been lowered. Zegherghish responded that they have decided not to request money for food and personal expenses
- Rodriguez asked if it was certain that there are two people going. Zegherghish responded that this is correct.
- Monkah asked what the representatives would bring back from the conference. Zegherghish responded that there will be multiple panels and workshops to develop skills which will be beneficial to the club and will be brought back and shared after the conference.
- Monkah said that airline tickets are much cheaper than budgeted currently and may fluctuate more as time goes on, then asked what the most important thing for Activities Council would be to fund. Zegherghish responded that registration, lodging, and air ticket would be most beneficial
- Monkah asked what the club will be contributing. Zegherghish responded that as they are a new club they are attempting to fundraise, and they will not currently be receiving any funds from the club.
- Onukwufor asked if they are applying for SEF funds. Zegherghish responded yes and they have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
- Onukwufor asked if they should wait for SEF to respond before deciding an amount for Activities Council. Then asked if the registration is time sensitive. Zegherghish responded yes, and the date for registration has already passed, and they plan on using on-site registration.
- Harris asked if they are competing in anything at this conference. Zegherghish responded that this time they will be just attending, they hope to compete in something next time.

- Onukwufor said that they should wait until after SEF in order to have a better knowledge of what funding is needed.
- Monkah said next time they should come to Activities Council sooner in order to have access to more funds. Harris said that they should also plan on bringing more people for the sake of the club. Zegherghish responded that as they are a new club, they don't have many members, as well as due to the STEM focused membership.

B. Surf Rider Foundation (\$1,950)

Representative: Laura Anthony

Purpose: To put on a large event featuring a documentary and selling reusable straws and cups in order to promote less plastic waste for WWU students.

Usage: The funds will go for licensing of the film, pay for a graphic designer for the posters, and purchase straws and cups to sell at the event. They will be accessing their parent organization to gain more funds in order to purchase further straws and cups for this fundraiser. The movie rights are 50 dollars.

- Monkah asked why they didn't want to use the Publicity Center for their graphic design needs. Anthony responded that she did not know that was an option originally and they have had meetings with outside graphic designers, they can switch to using the Publicity Center if that fits the needs better.
- Harris said that Environmentally Sustainability Programs (ESP) could fund this a bit more as well.
- Harris said that the film funds should be easily doable. Monkah asked if they wanted to approve that now, or wait until after other sources are confirmed. Major asked if they could modify the amount based on what the other sources give. Monkah said it should be safe to give some now, for movie licensing and publicity, amounting to 200 dollars.

AC-19-W-37 by Monkah. Moved to change the Surf Rider Foundation request to an action item

Seconded: Mouché Vote 6-0-0 PASSED

AC-19-W-37 by Onuwufor. Moved to approve 200 in the form of a grant

Seconded: Mouché Vote 6-0-0 PASSED

C. Baile Folklorico de WWU (\$9,000)

Representative: Aileen Rivera

Purpose: To take 12 members to Fresno, California for a dance conference for April 12th through 14th. The conference will have hundreds of workshops focusing on a variety of dance styles in order to expand knowledge of dance culture. This will promote a knowledge in the WWU campus and encourage membership.

Usage: The budget is currently at 750 per student for 12 students in order to cover registration, housing, and transportation. Originally, they were going to drive, but this would cause them to miss classes, and not all members have the ability to drive the school vans.

- Cook asked how many of the 12 people hoping to go are graduating this year. Rivera responded two.
- Monkah asked how much fundraising they have done so far. Rivera responded that they have been actively fundraising and are currently at around 3,000 dollars. Fundraisers include selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts and skin care products at the night market.
- Monkah asked if they have a Viking Funder set up. Rivera responded not yet, but they will.
- Monkah asked what expenses are most vital for Activities Council to fund.
- Rodriguez asked how the current fund-raising has affected the requested amount. Rivera responded with they aren't certain right now, but they will be working with it.
- Cook asked if the conference is at a hotel. Rivera responded with it as a High School, which makes them need to find their own housing and why they want a rental car.
- Onukufor asked if they could find a closer house or hotel. Rivera responded with due to the number of members, they could not find a closer house and hotels would be more expensive.
- Major asked if they have planned out of pocket expenses for this trip. Rivera responded with they have discussed the need for members to fund their own food and personal shopping. Onukwufor asked about out of pocket payments for this specific travel. Rivera responded with members have donated to the fundraiser, but they don't have a specific number for what members can pay individually.
- Onukwufor said that they need to donate the funds they have raised in their club account.

- Major asked if they have considered just going next year. Rivera responded that some members have already purchased registration, and they are hoping to make this more accessible to their members.
- Onukwufor asked why they haven't come sooner. Rivera responded with they didn't know this was a funding option.
- Monkah asked if was possible they couldn't take everyone. Rivera responded with they realize that this is a possibility and would prioritize the board of the club, due to time and effort investments, afterwards would give priority to members who regularly attend and assist fundraising.
- Onukwufor asked if they have pursued any other funding options. Rivera responded they have applied for grants through SEF so far.
- Major asked if any of them are dance majors. Rivera responded they aren't certain.
- Monkah asked that next week they update their budget request, set up a Viking Funder, and deposit their fundraising in their club account. Major asked if they could get a better range for what individuals could pay out of pocket for this trip.

VIII. Council Review

- A. Monkah expressed a need that everyone needs to be more mindful to not interrupt others.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02