



Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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**Present:** Ama Monkah (AS VP of Activities), Ikenna Onukwufor (AS Clubs Business Director), Douglas Van Druff (AS Clubs Business Coordinator), Rikua Rodriguez (Student-at-large), Ryan Mouche (Student-at-large)

**Absent:**

**Advisors:** Jenn Cook

**Secretary:** Travis Felver

**Guests:** Sophia Game (Chronic Illness Awareness Club), Rondi Nordal (Students for the Salish Sea), Stephen Fischer (Bellingham Saber Guild), Rachel Lewis (Swing Kids), Sage Kay (Bellingham Saber Guild), Sam Gablia (WWU Film Production Club), Colton Lanning (WWU Young Dem Socialists of US), Neah Havens, WWU YDSA), Will Sladich (WWU Film Review Club), Matthew Smith (WWU Film Review Club), Tyler Andrews (WeAreWWU), Allie Johnson (Disability Outreach Centre), Estefania Ligneeros (WIRC)

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**

**Motions**

**AC-19-S-12 Moved to approve the minutes for the 4-8 Activities Council meeting. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-13 Moved to approve 250 dollars in bookstore donations. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-14 Moved to approve 150 dollars in bookstore donations. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-15 Moved to approve WWU Young Democratic Socialists of the US as a club under the Political and Social Issues categories. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-16 Moved to approve WWU Film Review Club as a club under the Arts, Music and Dance and Special Interest categories. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-17 Moved to approve 100 dollars in the form of a grant. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-18 Moved to approve 250 dollars in the form of a grant. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-19 Moved to approve 150 dollars in the form of a grant. PASSED**

**AC-19-S-20 Moved to suspend the rules of operation PASSED**

**AC-19-S-21 Moved to approve 500 dollars in the form of a grant PASSED**

**AC-19-S-22 Moved to suspend the rules of operation PASSED**

**AS-19-S-23 Moved to approve 400 dollars from the Club Conference Fund PASSED**

**AC-19-S-24 Moved to suspend the rules of operation PASSED**

**AC-19-S-25 Moved to approve 650 dollars in the form of a grant PASSED**

**AC-19-S-26 Moved to approve 2,000 dollars from the Large Event Opportunity Fund PASSED**

**AC-19-S-17 Moved to approve 5,000 dollars from the Large Event Opportunity Fund PASSED**

I. Revisions to Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes

**AC-19-S-12 by Ikenna. Moved to approve the minutes from 4/8/19.**

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

III. Business Director's Report

- A. Grants Loans & Underwrites: 12,780\$
- B. Bookstore Donations: 850\$
- C. Club Conference Fund: 2,674\$
- D. Large Event Fund 47,000\$

IV. Club Recognition

A. WWU Young Democratic Socialists of the US

1. Representative: Colton Lanning

- The purpose of this club will be to function as a branch of the national organization in order to advocate for labor rights, worker rights, healthcare concerns, issues with the lgbt+ community, issues with climate change, as well as teach students how to engage with the political process. They will be working with the Whatcom chapter of the organization.
- Van Druff asked if they will be getting any funding from the larger organization. Lanning responded with they don't think so.
- Cook asked if this club will be more issue focused than politically focused than the Young Democrats. Lanning responded that there is an ideological divide between the two organizations and the actions they will be taking as a club will differ.
- Monkah asked if the plan on working with other organizations in Bellingham. Lanning responded with the Whatcom DSA, as well as others as they come up.

**AC-19-S-15 by Mouche. Moved to approve WWU Young Democratic Socialists of the US as a club under the Political and Social Issues categories.**

**Second: Rodriguez**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**PASSED**

**B. Film Review Club**

**1. Representatives: Will Sladich, Matthew Smith**

- The purpose of this club will be to provide a place for students to meet and discuss films as well as an organized place to post reviews on websites in order to establish critical thinking in writing.
- Monkah asked if they would be watching a movie and writing a review after. Smith responded that the plan is currently for them all to watch different movies and review them, though they could start a podcast to review movies as a club.
- Monkah asked if they have thought of any movies they want to watch yet. Smith responded not yet, Sladich said that the reviews won't just be on the movies themselves but also the actors in the movies.
- Onukwufor asked if anyone is a film major. Smith responded that he is a film minor.

**AC-19-S-16 by Monkah. Moved to approve WWU Film Review Club as a club under the Arts, Music and Dance and Special Interest categories.**

**Second: Onukwufor**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**PASSED**

**V. Bookstore Donations**

**A. WeAreWWU (\$500)**

**1. Representative: Tyler Andrews**

- Request is for raffle basket prizes for their annual event to increase fundraising and awareness for WeAreWWU's scholarships. They will be advertised on facebook, twitter, and Instagram. The purpose is to provide opportunities for students, by students.
- Onukwufor said they could not give past the 300 dollar cap in bookstore donations in one request
- Monkah said 500\$ is a lot for bookstore donations since they only have 850\$ left. Onukwufor said they couldn't give more than 300\$ at this time anyway. Monkah asked if they were aware of the 300\$ limit when they made the request. Andrews responded he was not, but they are continuing to search for more funding as the more funding they get, the more outreach they can do.
- Onukwufor said that the funds are first-come first-served, so if they run out they can just close the fund for the year, this request seems important. Rodriguez says it still feels like a lot of money, since they already gave them a bookstore donation earlier this year. Monkah asked what seems like a reasonable amount. Rodriguez said 200. Van Druff agreed 200 sounded

good. Monkah said 250 would be a good compromise since it reaches a lot of students. Van Druff agreed with \$250.

**AC-19-W-13 by Monkah. Moved to approve 250 dollars in the form of a bookstore donation.**

**Seconded: Mouche    Vote 5-0-0                    PASSED**

B.      Queercon (\$150)

- Request is for prizes for their costume contest

**AC-19-W-14 by Onukwufor. Moved to approve 150 dollars in the form of a bookstore donation.**

**Seconded: Mouche                    Vote 5-0-0                    PASSED**

## VI. Action Items

A.      Chronic Illness Awareness Club (\$100)

1.      Representative: Sophia Gamble

- This request is for the Awareness event this Thursday in Red Square in order to share stories from students with chronic illnesses. They will be tabling with these posters and provide a question box. The funding is needed for printing costs.
- Monkah asked if they have the posters designed already or if these are the posters people will be writing on. Gamble said they are already designed, just need to be printed.
- Monkah asked if these are student testimonies. Gamble said that they are all student testimonies, and most of them are from WWU.

**AC-19-W-17 by Onukwufor. Moved to approve 100 dollars in the form of a grant.**

**Seconded: Mouche    Vote 5-0-0                    PASSED**

B.      WWU Film Production Club (\$250)

1.      Representative: Sam Gablia

- The request is for prizes for the upcoming 48 hour film festival event. This event is annual and is the club's biggest event. They are hoping to give five fifty dollar gift cards to a store that provides microphones and other tools for film production, this would allow them to provide prizes that are more beneficial to a wider audience and would save the club money due to not needing to pay delivery costs.
- Monkah asked if they could talk a bit more about the film festival itself. Gablia responded that it was start by K-VIK and serves as a major draw to club members. Teams are given a line and a prop, then given 48 hours to produce a short film that is then judged by members of the film production community, film staff and students. It serves as a valuable learning and networking experience.

- Monkah asked if the prizes are for teams or individuals. Gablia said that the entire process will focus on the teams. Monkah asked if that meant all five of these gift cards would go to the first place team. Gablia said that they would go to the second place team, as they have other prizes for the first place team which total to about 100 dollars per person.
- Monkah asked how they are advertising the event and if it is open to everyone. Gablia responded it is open to everyone and they are going through the publicity center to make and distribute posters.
- Onukwufor said he is uncomfortable spending 250 dollars on five students and asked if the club has done any fundraising for prizes. Gablia responded that not from Film Production Club specifically but they are working in collaboration with other organizations and have fundraised about 750 dollars collectively so far.
- Monkah asked if he was the one that applied and if he was the one who won last year. Gablia responded yes. Monkah asked what they got last year. Gablia said collectively they received 25 dollars for the bookstore and had their film publicly screened.
- Monkah asked how much work goes into the film. Gablia said a tremendous amount. Of the 48 hours they had, he slept 1 hour. To edit 6 minutes of footage it takes about 16 to 18 hours, meaning every step before the process must be finished quickly.
- Monkah said that this is reasonable due to the amount of work that the teams put in. Gablia said that if they properly incentivize the event it not only rewards the current festival but better advertises next year's festival. Van Druff said this sounds reasonable.

**AC-19-S-18 by Van Druff. Moved to approve 250 dollars in the form of a grant.**

**Seconded: Rodriguez**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**PASSED**

C. WWU Students for the Salish Sea (\$150)

1. Representative: Rondi Nordal

- The request is to pay three speakers to come to campus as part of a film series in order to raise awareness for issues concerning the Salish Sea, indigenous sovereignty and the indigenous voice.
- Monkah asked if they have to pay for film rights. Nordal said that they are not.

**AC-19-S-19 by Onukwufor. Moved to approve 150 dollars in the form of a grant.**

**Seconded: Rodriguez**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**PASSED**

VII. Information Items

A. Bellingham Saber Guild (\$500)

1. Representatives: Stephen Fischer, Sage Kay

- The request is for their event on May 4<sup>th</sup> (May the fourth be with you) in order to pay for raffle prizes, which will primarily be lightsabers. As they are a new club they have not had much time



C. SWING Kids (\$650)

1. Representative Rachel Lewis

- The request is for SWING kids quarterly event where they bring in an instructor and a live band. They are assuming they will make upwards of 600 dollars due to bringing in Canadian instructors might bring in more people from Canada and the event last quarter went very well.
- Onukwufor asked how much the tickets are. Lewis responded that there are tiers of tickets, separating lessons and the dance, for example currently it is 10 dollars for lessons and dance for students going up to 15 at the door.
- Monkah clarified that they club is contributing 1,156 dollars. Lewis responded yes.
- Monkah asked where the club is. Lewis said off-campus.

**AC-19-S-24 by Onukwufor. Moved to suspend the rules of operation in order to move WWU Swing's request to an action item.**

**Seconded: Mouche                      Vote 5-0-0                      PASSED**

**AC-19-S-25 by Onukwufor. Moved to approve 650 dollars in the form of a grant.**

**Seconded: Rodriguez                      Vote 5-0-0                      PASSED**

VIII. Large Event Opportunity Fund

A. Disability Outreach Center (\$2,000)

1. Representative: Allie Johnson

- The request is for bringing in a guest speaker for three events over two days. These will consist of two workshops and a book-reading.
- There was time spent reviewing the request form, including the budget breakdown and speaker's past work.
- Onukwufor asked how they plan on spending the two thousand dollars specifically. Johnson responded that this will primarily be going to the speaker's honorarium, which includes lodging. Monkah said that there are other groups contributing smaller amounts which is what bring the request to 2,000 dollars.
- Monkah said this seems reasonable due to how much funding they've received from other locations. The council agreed that they don't have any questions that would cause them to need to come back next week.

**AC-19-S-26 by Monkah. Moved to approve 2,000 dollars from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.**

**Seconded: Onukwufor                      Vote 5-0-0                      PASSED**

B. Ethnic Student Center (\$5,000)

1. Representative: James Pai

- The request is for the annual night market, due to the concert WWU is putting on the event will be combined with culture shock, creating a need for more funding. This event highlights local PoC artists and performers and creates an atmosphere of acceptance and fun. Some of these funds will indirectly to other Western clubs as they are paid to perform.
- Monkah asked if they knew who the performers were going to be specifically. Pai responded with they are working on this currently in order to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts.
- Cook asked if the 5000 dollars is to cover clubs performance. Pai responded with some of it, but the majority is for food permits, rentals and transportation.
- Monkah said they talked about it in detail last week so she feels comfortable

**AC-19-S-25 by Mouche. Moved to approve 5,000 dollars from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.**

**Seconded: Monkah**

**Vote 5-0-0**

**PASSED**

C. Women's Identity Resource Center (\$1,500)

1. Representative: Estefania Ligeeros

- The request is for a series honoring indigenous women, bringing in an exhibition, showcasing it in the VU. The showcase is actually closer to 2,000 dollars to display.
- Monkah asked if it is one person's exhibit. Ligeeros said yes.
- Monkah asked if they knew what locations they wanted to display the exhibit. Ligeeros said they have an idea, but it is not confirmed yet, hoping for the area outside the post office in the Viking Union.
- Cook asked if they are working with the gallery director yet. Ligeeros said no. Cook said they should work with them in order to foresee other difficulties they may have.
- Monkah asked if the photographer would be coming in. Ligeeros said no, the cost is just for the photographs in the exhibition.
- Monkah asked if they have looked into liability concerns. Ligeeros said they are going to. Cook said concerns like this are why they should work with the gallery director.
- Monkah asked if there will be descriptions with the picture. Ligeeros said yes.
- Onukwufor asked if any photographs or prints could be purchased. Ligeeros said she can ask.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM**