

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 16th, 2015

Non-Voting Members: Casey Hayden (Student Activities Advisor)

Voting Members: Israel Rios (AS VP for Clubs), George Vadino (Club Representative), Anujin Ganbat (Club Representative), Walter Lutsch (AS Club Coordinator), Ryan Roberts (AS Club Business Director), Bryce Hammer (Student at Large), Erin Johnson (Student at Large), Nikola Bocko (Club Representative)

Absent: Nicole Carroll (Student at Large), Alex LaVallee (AS Representative)

Guests: Nicole Quance (of WWU Students for Bernie Sanders), Cassidy McQuiston (of WWU Students for Bernie Sanders), Katherine Sharp (of WWU Harry Potter Club), Megan Allister (of WWU Harry Potter Club), Miranda Elliott (of WWU Harry Potter Club), Matthew D. Paige (of Viking Radio Theatre)

Secretary: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees)

Motions

AC-15-F-39- Recognition of WWU Students for Bernie Sanders as an official Associated Students club under the category of Political. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-40- Approval of \$150 from Bookstore Donation to Viking Radio Theatre for the purpose of their script contest. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-41- Approval of \$150 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Harry Potter Club for the purposes of their Yule Ball. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-42- Approval of \$150 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to KSA for the purpose of their Heritage Dinner silent auction. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-43- Approval of \$6000 from the Large Event Opportunity Fund to the AS Environmental Center for the purposes of bringing Dr. Vandana Shiva to Western. - **PASSED**

AC-15-F-44- Approval of the minutes of Activities Council meeting from 10/12/2015 and 10/19/2015 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes would be made. - **PASSED**

Israel Rios, A.S. Vice President for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. November 16th, 2015.

I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Rios asked for revisions to the agenda. He said that since there were none that they would move on.

II. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Roberts said that the AS Environmental Center had a \$600 dollar request. Rios asked if budget was up to date on the agenda sheet. Roberts said yes.

III. CLUB RECOGNITION

a. WWU Students for Bernie Sanders

Nicole Quance said they were a club in support of Bernie Sanders and that their primary goal was to get together, spread awareness, and answer questions about Sanders' politics. They said they wanted to explain how to vote and how debates work. They said that they want people to be able to decide if Sanders was the right candidate for them. Rios wanted to know if they were planning on working with the Representation Office. Quance said that they had registered to vote with them. They said that they had heard of the Hillary Clinton club on campus and considered working alongside them. Ganbat asked if the club was temporary. Quance said only if Sanders did not win the Presidency.

Motion AC-15-F-39 by Lutsch

Moved to recognize WWU Students for Bernie Sanders as an official Associated Students club under the category of Political.

Seconded: Hammer Vote: 8-0-0 **PASSED**

IV. INFO ITEMS

a. Harry Potter Club (\$450)

Kathrine Sharp said that their request was funds to help the annual Harry Potter Club Yule Ball taking place in Winter Quarter. She said that they were planning on using funds for food and decorations and a separate request for raffle prizes. She added that the event was free and open both students and the community. She said they planned on increasing attendance with a raffle this year. She said that they were asked local business for raffle donations. Rios asked how many people usually attended event. Sharp said that 150-200 have attended the Yule Ball in the past. She said that they hoped for increased attendance this year with a maximum of 300 people. Vadino asked how much the club requested from the council in the past. Sharp said that they planned on using \$400 of their club's funds and had usually requested \$200-\$400 from the council. Ganbat asked how they planned on marketing the event. Sharp said that they planned on hosting a bake sale soon to spread awareness and raise funds for the event. She mentioned that the club was looking to do advertising through the publicity center. Ganbat asked

what they intended to use to advertise. Sharp said that they had requested for an ad to run on KUGS, posters to place around campus, and word of mouth. Haden asked exactly what the funds would be used for. Sharp said that the funds would be used for the room reservation, food, and decorations. She explained that there had been a misunderstanding in regards to the amount the club planned on contributing. Haden changed amount the club was contributing to \$432. Rios asked if they planned to work with Quidditch Club. Sharp said no, but anthropology and swing club had stepped forward to help with the event.

This Information Item will be voted upon next meeting as an Action Item.

V. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUESTS

a. Viking Radio Theatre (\$150)

Matthew Paige said they were requesting funds for a script contest necessary to increase the pool of scripts Viking Radio Theatre had available to them. He said that winners would get special episodes dedicated to their scripts. He said that the request was specifically for gift cards to the AS Bookstore for the winners. He said that they wanted three gift cards amounting to \$75, \$50 and \$25 for first, second, and third place respectively. Haden asked if this was second year they were hosting the contest. Paige said yes. Rios asked how many submissions they had last year. Paige said they had 5 or 6 submissions, but that they hoped to increase that number this year. He explained that last year they only have \$50 for all of the prizes. He said that with increasing the prizes they hoped to increase the amount of submissions. Rios asked how the club regularly got their scripts. Paige said that they usually got scripts off of the internet or from members of the club. Roberts asked how they planned on marketing the contest. Lutsch explained that last year the club only aired on KUGS and put out ads in commercial breaks. Rios asked how many people they hoped would participate in the contest. Paige said that he hoped for forty, but realistically expected fifteen. Lutsch said last year the process started a lot later than this year so they were hoping with an earlier start and getting on a downtown radio they would generate more interest. Ganbat asked how the process worked. Lutsch explained that they had two broadcasters, including Sparks Museum where they record. He said that the club reviews scripts before creating a line up and casting the roles. He said that after recording the session was turned in to KUGS. Ganbat asked if Paige worked with the writing committee. Paige said yes and that the club read scripts and discussed what they thought before moving forward. Bocko asked if they had any social media. Paige said they had a website for advertising connected for orgsync. Bocko

suggested creating a Facebook event. She also offered to write an article on the subject.

Motion AC-15-F-40 by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$150 from Bookstore Donation to Viking Radio Theatre for the purpose of their script contest.

Seconded: Ganbat Vote: 7-0-1 **PASSED**

b. Harry Potter Club (\$150)

Katherine Sparks said that this request was specifically for the raffle portion of the Yule Ball. She said they intended on having two \$50 gift cards and a gift basket. Rios asked if they had any themed prizes. Katherine said that the Bookstore did not carry any themed items, but they had found a reading calendar and other reading related items. Ganbat asked if there were other items for the raffle outside of this request. Sharp said that they had prizes from Starbucks, Village Books, and items from Amazon like illustrated Harry Potter Books and props. She explained that the raffle would be done in pool and the more money a participant contributed the more likely it was that they would receive a prize.

Motion AC-15-F-41 by Johnson

Moved to approve the amount of \$150 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Harry Potter Club for the purposes of their Yule Ball.

Seconded: Bocko Vote: 8-0-0 **PASSED**

c. Korean Students Association (\$150)

Rios explained that the club was not present and said that the request was \$150 for the KSA Heritage Dinner. Ganbat asked if they had to attend council if their request was for a certain amount or above. Haden said no, but he expressed that the council appreciated people coming to explain and answer questions. Rios said that the request seemed standard and was for a silent auction gift basket.

Motion AC-15-F-42 by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$150 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to KSA for the purpose of their Heritage Dinner.

Seconded: Johnson Vote: 7-0-0 **PASSED**

VI. LARGE EVENT OPPORTUNITY FUND REUQUEST

a. AS Environmental Center (\$6000)

Ríos reminded the council that they had two more Large Event Opportunity Requests the following meeting that were both larger than the request they were addressing during this meeting. Lutsch said that since this was the first year with this fund that they did not have any past activity to base the spending of these funds off of. He said that he was impressed that the AS Environmental Center had such a small request compared to their total budget. He expressed that he felt comfortable funding the request. Roberts said that \$6000 was nearly 10% of their total budget, but since the fund was new the council set the presidency for the funds. He said that their spending habits could determine what the budget looked like in the future. Rios said that the Large Event Opportunity Fund had more requirements than other requests and that the funds should be depleted fully by the beginning of Spring quarter since the request had to be made 6-8 weeks before the date of the event. He said the council was setting the presidency for how the funds would be used in the future.

Rios asked the guests for any updates on their request. Anna Kemper said that their SAF proposal next week. She also mentioned that they have been keeping up to date with Dr. Shiva's agent. Elle Mckitrick said they had applied to the Diversity Fund for \$1500, but they ended up getting \$500. Rios asked if got word from AS Programs. Kemper said everyone was on board, but they did not want the offices to give money if event was not going to happen. Haden asked if there was any more information to bring up. Kemper mentioned that Dr. Shiva was in a few videos online as well as documentaries, but that they were too long to show in council. She also said that Dr. Shiva had experience speaking in colleges. Ganbat asked how they had decided on bringing Dr. Shiva in particular. Kemper said that the agent had contacted the person in her position last year and they had passed the project down to her. She mentioned that Mckitrick was also enthusiastic about the project. She went on to say that Dr. Shiva had many environmental pulls through different perspectives, focusing on sustainability and she felt as though her views would have been a good fit for Western Washington University. She explained that Dr. Shiva also tied social, cultural, and economic topics together. Ganbat asked about Dr. Shiva's physical advocacy. Mckitrick said Dr. Shiva did field work in India and traveled because of concerns with the conditions of the workers. Kemper said that Dr. Shiva advocates and spreads awareness on many social issues. Roberts asked if Dr. Shiva was involved or aware of the Raspberry Farmer strikes close to campus. Kemper said no and that Dr. Shiva had never been to the North West before. She explained that Dr. Shiva focused more on global issues.

Motion AC-15-F-43 by Roberts

Moved to approve \$6000 from the Large Event Opportunity Fund to the AS Environmental Center for the purposes of bringing Dr. Vandana Shiva to Western.

Seconded: Ganbat Vote: 8-0-0 **PASSED**

VII. Other Business

Rios talked about dead and finals week meetings. Council agreed to meet dead week, but not finals week.

Rios moved on to approval on minutes. He encouraged everyone to make changes to hard copies and to approve the minutes with the stipulation that changes would be made appropriately.

Motion AC-15-F-44 by Lutsch

Moved to approve the minutes of Activities Council meeting from 10/12/2015 and 10/19/2015 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes would be made.

Seconded: Roberts Vote: 5-0-3 **PASSED**

Rios mentioned that Out in Science did pick up their bookstore request.

Israel Rios adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm