

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 19th, 2016

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

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

Absent: Jessi Navarre (Board Assistant for Club Committees), Nicole Carroll (Student at Large)

Guests: Callum Dickerson (Net Impact), Anna Kemper (ESP), Shelley Ewell (Viking Radio Theatre), Gus Landefeld (Outdoor Center), Wayne Rocque (Social Issues Resource Center), Aleyda Cervantes (Social Issues Resource Center), Sophie Ranis (Womxn's Center), Annika Fleming (Disability Outreach Center), Katrina Haffner (WWUYAL), Abigail Miracle (Demography Club), Siri Rigsby (WWU Quidditch), Marcus Toomey (WWU Quidditch), Marissa Brookhart (CWMEA), Kelsey Barnes (CWMEA)

Motions

AC-16-W-13 - Approval of the minutes of Activities Council meeting from 1-11-16 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes would be made. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-14 - Approval of the amount of \$6998.54 in the form of an underwrite to Viking Radio Theatre for their Murder Mystery Dinner from Grants/Loans/Underwrites. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-15 - Approval of the amount of \$200 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to CSA for their Lunar New Year Event.- **PASSED**

AC-16-W-16 - Approval of the amount of \$1435 to the Outdoor Center in the form of a grant for their speaker event featuring Blake Harrington from the Large Event Opportunity Fund. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-17 - Approval of the amount of \$1000 to the Outdoor Center in the form of an underwrite for the Lakewood event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-18 - Approval of the amount of \$8500 to the SIRC in the form of a grant for the use of speaker fees from the Large Event Opportunity Fund. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-19 - Approval of the amount of \$6200 to the Womxn's Center in the form of a grant for the use of their Farmworker Justice event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund. - **PASSED**

AC-16-W-20- Approval of the amount of \$6000 to ESP in the form of an underwrite for the Local Impact 16 event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund. - **PASSED**

Israel Ríos, A.S. Vice President for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. January 19th, 2016.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rios asked the council if there were any edits to make to the agenda.

Motion AC-16-W-13 by Roberts

Moved to approve the minutes of Activities Council meeting from 1-11-16 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes would be made.

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

II. BUSINESS DIRECTORS REPORT

Roberts said that the numbers listed on the agenda were all up to date.

III. CLUB RECOGNITION

a. Teaching Experience for English Masters Students

Hayden said that the group would be attending the following meeting instead of this one.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. Students for Renewable Energy (\$600)

Rios tabled the item in case someone from the club arrived later in the meeting.

b. Viking Radio Theatre and Swing Kids (\$6998.54)

Lutsch said that there were no updates. Rios asked for a quick reminder of the event. Lutsch said that their event was a 1940s Murder Mystery Dinner Night, a joint event between Viking Radio Theatre, Swing Kids, and remnants of Foul Play Club. He said they planned on selling 200 tickets to the event held at the Leopold Crystal Ballroom. Rios asked how much the event would cost with the revenue coming back from ticket sales. Lutsch said that they planned to make back more than half of what they planned to spend. Roberts asked to clarify this request was an underwrite. LaVallee mentioned that the event was very well attended the previous year.

Motion AC-16-W-14 by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$6998.54 in the form of an underwrite to Viking Radio Theatre for their Murder Mystery Dinner from Grants / Loans /Underwrites.

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

V. INFO ITEMS

a. CWMEA (\$2784)

Marissa Brookhart and Kelsey Barnes of the Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association introduced themselves. Brookhart said they were requesting funds to attend a conference for Washington Music Educators on February 14th. She said that it was a great place to network and learn about the profession. Barnes said that they wanted to get as many Music Educators from Western to go. She mentioned that they would hold meetings after the conference to share with others what they learned. Lutsch that they had discussed in a planning meeting the DRAC funding the club was also receiving. Rios clarified that the club had received \$4000 from Department Related Activities Committee and both of these councils received funding from the Students Services and Activities Fee so the club was requesting more money from students' fees than was listed on the page available to the council. Barnes said that they had spoken to their advisor and they requested from both funds every year. She said that DRAC would fund no more than \$4000 so they were coming to Activities Council for the rest of their request. Roberts asked why the request was not listed as a Conference Fund request. Rios said that the council decided which fund the request would come out of, not those requesting. Ganbat asked what would be specifically taking place at the conference. Barnes said that there would be sessions every hour taught by other teachers or performers, concerts, and networking opportunities. Ganbat asked how they planned on transporting themselves. Barnes said by bus. LaVallee asked how many students were attending. Brookhart said that they had a confirmed 63 so far. LaVallee asked if either of them had been to the event before. Brookhart said yes and that she had had a wonderful and inspiring experience. Barnes said that they were given the opportunity to learn things that they wouldn't be able to in class. Rios asked if 63 attendees would increase their cost. Brookhart said yes, but not the request. She said that the amount of hotel rooms they needed was not changing. Rios asked if they had gotten funding from Activities Council last year. Barnes said they had gotten funds from Activities Council for the past 4 years. Hayden said that usually the clubs associated with DRAC had funds set aside for them. He said that they should work out this confusion. Roberts said that the amount was \$44 per person with just the request to this council. He said that with the other funding the amount came out to \$122 a person. Rios mentioned that normally DRAC groups cannot request from Activities Council, so they would need to investigate further. LaVallee suggested

that Hayden contact their advisor. Roberts said that he felt the amount request was too high. He asked if they group could take less people. Barnes said that the 63 were already registered for the conference, so they could not lower their request. Hayden clarified that their goal was to cover all of the costs. Barnes said yes and that people are signed up because they had been assured that all of their costs would be covered. Brookhart said that they wanted to represent Western and they were the highest represented school to show how much they were growing and thriving as a department. Lutsch said that though the request was high he was excited to see the group go forward, seeing only a \$44 per person cost. Ganbat asked if attendees had to pay for anything. Barnes said that they needed to pay for food.

b. Demography Club

Abigail Miracle said that she was Demography Club President and they were requesting \$1250 for 5 members to participate in a conference in Oakland, California from Wednesday March 30th through Saturday April 2nd. She said that they Sociology Department was helping with some of the funding. She said that they had several events at Western relating to the conference. Lutsch asked how they were getting there. Miracle said that they were flying from Bellingham to Oakland and then taking the train. Rios asked what the total amount was. Miracle said that she was unsure. Rios said that they had not put the amount on the agenda because it was very high at over \$4000. Miracle said she had not known what the Sociology Department would contribute. Lutsch said that it was a situation where both the council and the department wanted to the amount granted by the other first. Roberts said the per person amount was \$250 which was high so he suggested a lower amount. Rios said that generally they suggest about \$150 per person, with \$175 being on the higher end. LaVallee asked if all 5 students would be presenting research. Miracle said that they would all be using their senior thesis in poster presentations. Hammer said that they had funded Long Boarding club to go to Hawaii and she felt, besides herself being a Sociology Major, that this event held more merit and presenting at a conference was a huge deal and looked good on graduate school applications. Ganbat asked what their club did. Miracle said that Demography Club had alumni come and speak at their club. LaVallee asked if they met regularly. Miracle said they had met four times. LaVallee asked how many members they had. Miracle said 10. Lutsch suggested using the AS vehicles instead of flying to lower costs. He said that he had calculated the costs to be \$711.20 with the AS vehicles and could cut their transportation costs by \$500. LaVallee said that his club was taking a similar trip the week before this conference and wasn't sure if these students wanted to be driving 18 hours during the first week of classes. Hayden said that flying was

a better idea. Rios said that it was not the council's decision. Hammer asked if those presenting would also be presenting to Sociology classes. Miracle said that they would be presenting to the Sociology department in the Spring. Roberts asked if they would throw out other totals. Rios said yes. Roberts said that they would be left with about 50% after these requests and he would feel more comfortable if the request was for \$1000. He suggested moving this item to an Action Item. Rios said that they should give the club a rough number. Roberts said that at \$1000 that would be \$200 per person. Rios said that they should come back next meeting having passed the amount of \$1000 on to the Sociology Department and know what they think. Hayden said that that allowed the department to hold back. He said that he wanted the reaction to be genuine as to how much the department could cover.

c. WWU Quidditch (\$500-\$700)

Siri Rigsby introduced herself as the President of Quidditch Club and Marcus Toomey introduced himself as the Budget Authority. Rigsby said that they were requesting funds to pay for housing during regionals February 6th and 7th. Johnson asked if this was the second time the club had come into Activities Council. LaVallee said that they had come in for funds for their tournament at Whatcom Community College happening that weekend. Rigsby mentioned that they were required to pay for housing. Roberts asked how much their request was last time. Hayden said about \$900. Rios asked if they would be coming in later in the year to request more funding. Rigsby said that they would like to go to World Cup, but that was unlikely, so no. Toomey said that regionals were in Seattle last year so this year their request is more and they have pushed fundraising back for the World Cup. LaVallee asked for clarification on the amount requested. Rigsby said that the full amount was \$700. Toomey said that it was about \$43 per person. Johnson asked if this qualified for Conference Funding. Rios said technically no.

d. WWU Young Americans for Liberty (\$1000)

Katrina Haffner said that she was the Budget Authority for Young Americans for Liberty and they were requesting \$1000 in Conference Funding. She said that they were planning on going to Washington DC at the end of February. Hammer asked what the club was about. Haffner said that Young Americans for Liberty was a National Libertarian Organization. She said that they created conferences as well as books and pamphlets spreading the ideas of upholding liberty. She gave the examples of helping North Koreans escape imprisonment and helping Americans escape drug related charges. Ganbat asked how students were selected for the conference. Haffner said they sent out

emails asking for people who wanted to go. She said that these people were members of the club who showed interest. Ganbat asked how they would be bringing the information they learn at the conference back to Western. Haffner said that the conference would have lots of materials including pamphlets that they could bring back with them. She said that she had gone to the conference twice before and the sessions and speakers were worthwhile and the club could form presentations at Western with the information they have learned. Roberts said asked how many people were attending. Haffner said that only 4 people had confirmed so they would be dropping their request to \$800 if they would not get a fifth person. She said that since the conference was in DC the trip would be very expensive. LaVallee asked if the council covered \$200 per person if the club would be able to cover the other costs. Haffner said that she was hoping to make more money from Crowd Funding and get funding from Bake Sales. She said that some students were applying for scholarships which would help with the costs. Rios reminded the council that \$150 per person was a typical cost and \$175 per person was high. Roberts said, in regards to Demography Club's request, that seniors would be doing presentations so he saw more merit in that situation as opposed to this one. LaVallee said that the materials brought back to campus brought a full circle effect to the request. Roberts said that part of the consideration was that the funds were from students. Johnson asked about the Crowd Funding. Haffner said that she had created a Go Fund Me campaign for the club.

VI. BOOKSTORE DONATION

a. OSA

Rios said that no one had come from OSA, but they could still vote without a representative. Roberts said that they had 74% in Bookstore Donations left, so he felt comfortable approving the whole amount. Rios asked if this event was a Heritage Dinner. Hayden said it was for their Lunar New Year. LaVallee asked if \$200 was typical for a Heritage Dinner. Rios said yes. Roberts said that Steering had its own Bookstore Donation. Rios said that Steering groups could only come to Activities Council for Bookstore Donations. Roberts said he was sure they had their own Bookstore Donation Fund. Rios said that he would look into it, but that he would like to move forward with the request.

Motion AC-16-W-15 by Lutsch

Moved to approve the amount of \$200 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to OSA for their Lunar New Year Event.

Seconded: Ganbat Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

VII. LARGE EVENT OPPORTUNITY FUND REUQUEST

Rios said that the request would each present their updates and the council would talk about all of the requests at once instead of approving them in order because funds were so low.

a. Outdoor Center (\$2550)

Gus Landefeld said that they had discussed the request and decided to buy 25 books instead of 54. He said that the request was now \$1475 dollars. He said that they planned to give 20 books away and keep 5 for the Outdoor Center. Hammer about getting a vender's license. Landefeld that getting the license would not be difficult, but would require further discussion. Roberts asked the council about alternative numbers of books besides 25. LaVallee suggested giving away 10 books. Vadino asked how much books were. Landefeld said about \$40 a book. Vadino agreed that 10 books seemed like a fair amount. Lutsch said that giving a few away and then getting the funds for a vender's license. Roberts suggested a total of 15 books, bring the request to \$600. Lutsch asked if there was anything else to the request. Landefeld said that they also needed \$140 for VU Event Services and \$300 for publicity. Hammer said that \$40 for each book was a lot so she suggested giving more books to the Outdoor Center instead of as prizes. Johnson said that ten was a good number for the first ten people in line and then five for the Outdoor Center also seemed fair. Rios said that giving books to the first ten people in line could be problematic. Landefeld said that he was confident that the first people in line would be passionate about the event and would get great use out of the books. Hayden mentioned Bellingham's high climber population. Landefeld said that their last climbing event filled Artzen 101 and this event is free so they should be able to attract even more people.

b. Outdoor Center/Lakewood (\$1000)

Jeff Davis said there was no updates. LaVallee asked how many students they would be able to transport. Davis said that they wanted at least one van and then getting advertisements on what bus to take and when. Vadino brought up the fact that they're technically not an AS Program Office so he suggested the request counting as an Outdoor Center request. Davis said that Fred Collins oversees both Lakewood and the Outdoor Center under the umbrella they call Viking Recreation so a Lakewood request should count as an Outdoor Center Request. LaVallee said that this fund would be out of money before they would be able to request more money so that the subject didn't matter as much to the current situation. Rios said that they should clarify the wording before the end of the year.

c. ŠIRC (\$11,500)

Aleyda Cervantes said that there weren't maybe updates, but they didn't send an updated list with the correct event dates. She said that the amount of the request had changed to \$8,500 because another AS office offer to pay for one of the speaker fees. Hammer asked which AS office. Cervantes said that it was AS Special Events. Hammer asked if that was LaVallee's office. LaVallee said yes. Cervantes said that LaVallee offered to pay for Late Night Art which had a \$3,000 speaker fee. Ganbat asked why they had not been voting on these requests as Action Items. Rios clarified that they were hearing all of the updates before voting to ensure that they would not run out of money when it came to the last request in the lineup. Lutsch said that with that deduction they had enough funds to fully fund every request. He said that changed the discussion from "what can we do" to "what do we want to do". Rios said that not using all of the money was always an option. He said that the council did not have to fully fund every request, but now that was an option. Cervantes reminded the council that her office would be paying for hotels, flights, hospitality, food, and publicity. She said that this request was only for speaker fees.

d. Womxn's Center (\$6200)

Sophie Ranis said that there were no updates, but she reminded the council that \$5,500 was for 4 or 5 speakers so it was a good deal. Rios asked, on behalf of Carroll who could not attend, how the Womxn's Center was connected to the Farmworkers Justice Movement. Ranis said the event was large and some of the speakers were female and well-known. Roberts understood that Farmworker Justice impacted women, but was still confused as to why this was a Womxn's Center event when he felt that the event was more of a Social Issues Resource Center event. Ranis said that this was one of the biggest movements in Mexico's history, with 80,000 people, and this event definitely impacts women. Roberts asked how the event was specific to women. Cervantes said that traditionally Farmworker Justice Movements have men as the face of the movement the leader of Community to Community was a woman and the person speaking was also a woman and this was led by women and she felt that this event was better suited as a Womxn's Center event.

e. ESP (\$6000)

Anna Kemper said that the ESP was supporting the club Net Impact by throwing a conference. Callum Dickerson said that he had sent an updated speaker schedule to Navarre, who was not present. Rios asked for thoughts on the amount. Ganbat asked where the revenue from the

event would be going. Dickerson said that revenue from the event would be saved and used the previous year to host the same event. He said that they wanted to be independent. Rios asked if the ESP was contributing money to the event. Kemper said that they were funding publicity. Rios asked how much. Kemper said \$100-\$ 150.

Motion AC-16-W-16 by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$1435 to the Outdoor Center in the form of a grant for their speaker event featuring Blake Harrington from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Seconded: Roberts Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

Motion AC-16-W-17 by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$1000 to the Outdoor Center in the form of an underwrite for the Lakewood event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Seconded: Vadino Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

Motion AC-16-W-18 by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$8500 to the SIRC in the form of a grant for the use of speaker fees from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Seconded: Hammer Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

Motion AC-16-W-19 by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$6200 to the Womxn's Center in the form of a grant for the use of their Farmworker Justice event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Seconded: LaVallee Vote: 9-0-0 **PASSED**

Motion AC-16-W-20 by Lutsch

Moved to approve the amount of \$6000 to ESP in the form of an underwrite for the Local Impact 16 event from the Large Event Opportunity Fund.

Seconded: Hammer Vote: 6-0-2 **PASSED**

VIII. Other Business

Israel Rios adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.