

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Activities Council**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

**Voting Members:** Israel Rios (AS VP for Activities), George Vadino (Club Representative), Alex LaVallee (AS Representative), Walter Lutsch (AS Club Coordinator), Bryce Hammer (Student at Large), Erin Johnson (Student at Large), Ryan Roberts (AS Club Business Director), Nikola Bocko (Club Representative), Merrill Hunt-Paez (Student at Large)

**Absent:** Anujin Ganbat (Club Representative)

**Secretary:** Jessi Navarre (AS Board Assistant for Club Committees)

**Guests:** Lynne Nowak (Capoeira), Nolan Exe (Fire Ecology Club), Madison Spencer (Women in Geology), Vivian Edwards (Western Homeless Outreach), Colin Middleton (Western Homeless Outreach), Ellie Borough (Queer Writers Club), Allison Plager (Queer Writers Club), Joel Weisel (Queer Writers Club), Tori Engström (Glee Club), Hannah Lazich (Occam's Razor), Quintín Viers (Western Billiards Club), Erica Chapman (WWU Weightlifting Club), Olga Prado (MEChA), Sam Wershow (Capoeira), Rosa Sanchez (MEChA), Aleyda Cervantes (MEChA), Marco Basicio (MEChA)

Motions

**AC-16-SPR-33-** Approval of the minutes of 4-4-16 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes be made. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-34** - Recognition of Women in Geology as an official AS club under the category of Academic/Departmental. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-35-** Recognition of Queer Writers Club as an official AS club under the category of Arts, Music, and Dance. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-36-** Approval of the amount of \$100 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Kinesiology Club for their Flag Football Tournament. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-37-** Approval of the amount of \$65 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Occam's Razor for their Release Party. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-38-** Approval of the amount of \$200 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to MEChA for their Low Rider Show. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-39-** Approval of the amount of \$100 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to the Club Hub for their Club Renew Event. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-40-** Approval of the amount of \$500 in form of a grant to WWU Glee Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Spring Showcase. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-41-** Approval of the amount of \$500 in form of a grant to WWU Weightlifting Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Viking Games.

**AC-16-SPR-42-** Approval of the amount of \$275 in form of a grant to Students for Fire Ecology from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their symposium. -**PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-43-** Approval of the amount of \$200 in form of a grant to Capoeira Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Afro Brazilian Festival. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-44-** Approval of the amount of \$198 in form of a grant to Western Homeless from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Be Our Guest event. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-45-** Suspension of the rules of operation and move the Billiards Club request to an action item. - **PASSED**

**AC-16-SPR-46-** Approval of the amount of \$400 in form of a grant to Billiards Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their billiards event.. - **PASSED**

**Israel Rios, A.S. Vice President for Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:12p.m. April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

#### I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Rios asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. Seeing non, he moved on.

#### II. Approval of minutes

**Motion AC-16-SPR-33** by Hammer

Moved to approve the minutes of 4-4-16 with the stipulation that the appropriate changes be made.

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

#### III. BUSINESS DIRECTORS REPORT

Roberts said that the Council was running out of money so they were taking back unspent grants from clubs. He said that he got no emails in response so the Council would get back about \$1500. Hammer asked if that included the loan for CSCMC. Roberts said that he did not include it but they would spend into the red to the appropriate amount. Rios said the request from Students for Sustainable Water would come back as well. He said that they would have about \$4000 to spend total.

#### IV. Club Recognition

##### a. Women in Geology

Madison Spencer said that often in Geology classes there were few females so this was a club to provide support for those individuals. Rios asked how many had shown interest. Spencer said 20. Rios asked if the language made the club open to all. Spencer said yes and that she had made the changes suggested by Jenn Cook. Hammer asked if they planned on working with other Women in Sciences Clubs. Madison said that they had not planned on it, but maybe in the future.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-34** by Lutsch

Moved to recognize Women in Geology as an official AS club under the category of Academic/Departmental.

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

b. Queer Writers Club

Joel Weisel said that they wanted to be a place of support for queer and marginalized group. He said that they wanted create a safe space for writing and creative expression. Vadino asked if they planned to work with other Queer groups across campus. Weisel said yes, and they had already reached out to several groups and most members were a part of another similar group on campus. Hammer said that many Facebook groups in this category were closed and asked how they planned to advertise. Weisel said that they planned posters and open mie announcements. He said their Facebook group was open. Lutsch asked if they were going to be financially active. Weisel said yes.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-35** by Hammer

Moved to recognize Queer Writers Club as an official AS club under the category of Arts, Music, and Dance.

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

V. Bookstore Donation

a. Kinesiology Club (\$100-\$ 150)

Rios said that they were requesting \$100 for a flag football tournament. He said the request was for prizes.

**Motion AC- 16-SPR-36** by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$100 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Kinesiology Club for their Flag Football Tournament.

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

b. Occam's Razor (\$65)

Hannah Lazich said their club was an academic publication for students. She said that they were asking money for prizes as a door prize at their event. Rios asked if they had done a release party before. Lazich said no. Hammer asked if this was an open event. Lazich said it would be open and advertised to all. LaVallee asked what they were buying. Lazich said two \$25 gift cards and a water bottle.

**Motion AC- 16-SPR-37** by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$65 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to Occam's Razor for their Release Party.

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

c. MEChA (\$200)

Olga Prado said that their request was for the Low Rider Show, an annual event that started 15 years ago. She said that they wanted to break stereotypes about Low Rider culture. She said that in the past the event was well attended with about 600-800 people. She said the event would take place during Back to Bellingham. Aleyda Cervantes said that the raffle was to help the kids have fun and incorporate more activities. Hammer asked if the tickets cost money. Cervantes said that there would be tickets to make the event sustainable. She said that they usually had five baskets and raffled off art pieces as well. She said they planned on selling t-shirts to make money as well. She said the vendors at the show would give a percentage of profits to MEChA. She said it was the largest low rider show put on by student in the nation. She said that they would have many events and performances as well. She said they also planned on having trucks selling tacos, ice cream, and fried bread.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-38** by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$200 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to MEChA for their Low Rider Show.

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

d. Club Hub (\$100)

Lutsch said that the event was to help clubs turn their experience into professional skills. He said it would be a workshop day with resume building. Rios asked if they got a bookstore donation last year. Lutsch said no.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-39** by Bocko

Moved to approve the amount of \$100 in the form of a Bookstore Donation to the Club Hub for their Club Renew Event.

Seconded: LaVallee Vote: 5-0-2 **PASSED**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. WWU Glee Club (\$800)

Tori Engström said that they were asking for funds for their spring show case. They said they needed \$700 to put it on. They said that any amount

of money would be helpful. They said that there was a mistake and one of their accounts was gone so they were now \$80 in the red. They said they were going to sell t-shirts and ask for donations to support the event. They clarified that they thought they had \$500 to put towards the event but now that money was gone. Hammer asked how much they asked for last year. Engström said they had never come to Activities Council before. Hayden asked if Roberts knew anything about this. Engström said that they had had two accounts linked to their club. Roberts said that in his view he saw they were in the red. Lutsch said that they should look at manage Revenue Funds for an accurate number. LaVallee asked for the date. Engström Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Lutsch clarified that they expected \$300 in donations. Engström said they had always gotten more than \$300. Lutsch said if they were comfortable putting that \$300 towards the event that he would match those funds. LaVallee asked if it was Activities Council responsibility to get them out of the red. Rios suggested \$500. He asked if the club would need upfront costs. Engström said they would be charged after the event.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-40** by Lutsch

Moved to approve the amount of \$500 in form of a grant to WWU Glee Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Spring Showcase

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

b. WWU Weightlifting Club (\$500)

Erica Chapman said that from tickets they should get between \$400-\$600. She said they were requesting between \$400-\$600 for prizes. Lutsch asked how the council felt about the amount seeing as their funds were low. He commended the impact of the event. Rios asked how many people would be attending. Chapman said there would be 60 people, 30 pairs and they would be getting t-shirts and prizes. She said the more money the more trophies and prizes they could give out.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-41** by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$500 in form of a grant to WWU Weightlifting Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Viking Games.

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

c. Students for Fire Ecology (\$273.20)

Nolan Exe said they were hosting the first North West Fire Symposium. He said they were contributing a little over \$300. He said the funds would go towards food for the event. He said there would be 70-150 people attending. LaVallee asked what was planned for the event. Exe said they had speakers from across campus as well as representatives from across the field. He said they would discuss wild fires and controlled burns and

issues surrounding these topics, specifically climate change. Rios asked about the money left over from their past request. Exe said they were using part of that money. Rios just wanted to clarify that that money was coming out of last year's budget and not this one. Hayden said they could have pulled that money out but it was overlooked. He said they had decided to leave it for the club to use as they pleased, even though not as many people were going on their trip as they thought.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-42** by Lutsch

Moved to approve the amount of \$275 in form of a grant to Students for Fire Ecology from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their symposium.

Seconded: Vadino Vote: 6-0-0 **PASSED**

d. Capoeira Club (\$200)

Same Wershow said that their event was June 5<sup>th</sup> and it was a Western African and Caribbean event. He said that they were getting money from the classes they were putting on in dance and drumming. He said the classes would be \$5 each and they generally got \$300 from those. He said they got funding from a few departments and own club funds to put towards. He said they were requesting \$200 to cover the difference. Lynne Nowak said they might also sell t-shirts to fundraise. Rios asked if this club had been done in the past. Nowak said that this had been going for at least 5 years. Rios asked how many people usually attended. Nowak was not sure but they had done it during Dead Weak in the past and it did not change attendance. Wershow said that classes usually had 50 attendees.

**Motion AC- 16-SPR-43** by LaVallee

Moved to approve the amount of \$200 in form of a grant to Capoeira Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Afro Brazilian Festival.

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

e. Western Homeless Outreach (\$198)

Vivian Edwards said they were requesting funds to donate meals from the Viking commons to Bellingham homeless. She said this event encouraged students to get to know their community members and break down stereotypes about the homeless. She said they were requesting funds to have security on sight, though they rarely needed to use the security. She said the event was June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hayden asked how the last event went. Colin Middleton said 50 people attended and it was a success. Edwards said one of the PR classes was working on advertising. Rios asked if it was at the VC. Middleton said yes and that they were bussing people up from downtown. Hayden asked if dining staff was aware. Middleton said yes.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-44** by Hammer

Moved to approve the amount of \$198 in form of a grant to Western Homeless from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their Be Our Guest event.  
Seconded: Bocko Vote: 7-0-0 **PASSED**

VII. INFO ITEMS

a. Billiards Club (\$535)

Quinton Viers said that they were requesting funds for their end of year tournament. He said that request was more than they typically requested, but the funds would go toward food and prizes for the winner and raffle prizes. He said tickets were \$5. He said that some of the funds would go toward advertising. Rios asked about their revenue. Viers said they planned on raising \$125. Hayden asked what the prizes would be. Viers said first place would be a pool cue and second would be a case. He said the main concern was food and advertising. Hayden said the request was a bit high compared to the past. Viers said in the past they had requested \$300. LaVallee asked how much a pool cue was. Viers said \$100. Rios asked where the event was. Viers said in Fairhaven.

**Motion AC- 16-SPR-45** by LaVallee

Moved to suspend the rules of operation and move the Billiards Club request to an action item.

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

Roberts said that the winner should be rewarded but maybe not that much. Viers said that it really stimulated the competition. Lutsch said that they usually did more tournaments, but this was the only one this year. LaVallee suggested \$100 catering and \$35 publicity and \$150 for prizes. Rios suggested rounding that to \$300. Hammer asked if they could do the event with \$300. Viers said that they were planning on going to local companies and asking for sponsors and donations. Roberts suggested \$400.

**Motion AC-16-SPR-46** by Roberts

Moved to approve the amount of \$400 in form of a grant to Billiards Club from Grants/Loans/Underwrites, for their billiards event.

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

VIII. Other Business

a. AS elections

Rios reminded everyone to vote in the AS Elections.

**Israel Ríos adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.**