

ASWWU Activities Council Meeting
January 14th 2008
5:00 pm. VU 462 A/B

Present: Aaron Garcia, Dominique Sagiao, Jakob Lunden, Erin Miller, Anna Talvi, Jeff Talbot, Kristina Mader, Kayle Walls, Lukas Henke,
Absent: Zachary Neuhaus, Rachael Wildey
Late:
Advisors: Lisa Rosenberg, Cody Rogers
Secretary: Virgilio Cintron
Guests: Alan Davis, Greb Barrett, Chris Godwin, Elizabeth Mitchell, Rebekah Bossard, Kate Sturdy, Erin Kelly, John Furtado, Forrest Copeland, Jacob Scherr, Zach Smith

Summary of Motions:

08-W-001 Approve December 3rd 2007 activity Council meeting minutes. **(Passed)**
08-W-002 Recognize Students for Civic Engagement as an official AS Political club with \$50 basic funding. **(Passed)**
08-W-003 Recognize Society of Professional Journalist as an official AS departmental club with \$50 basic funding. **(Passed)**
08-W-004 Recognize Belly Club as an official AS arts and music club with \$50 basic funding with the stipulation that they meet with Casey Hayden for new club orientation. **(Passed)**
08-W-005 Approve \$250 underwrite to Loa Records out of grant/loans/underwrites. **(Passed)**
08-W-006 Approve \$220 stipend to Gina Bacon out of academic conference fund. **(Passed)**
08-W-007 Approve \$300 bookstore donation request to AS Activities Center. **(Passed)**
08-W-008 Approve \$300 bookstore donation request to ACE Leadership Conference. **(Passed)**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

I. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the December 3rd 2007 Meeting were voted on and approved by the council.

Motion: 08-W-001 Passed by acclamation

II. Revisions to Agenda

None

III. Business Director's Report

Business Report handed out, business director presented report.

IV. Club Recognition

A. Students for Civic Engagement, wanted to make a club that is not affiliated with a party and so it can be focused on the individual discourse about the political awareness and activism. This years AS VP for Legislative and Governmental affairs and legislative liaison will serve as advisors and hope to get students involved and the club going. They have a constitution and election code and hope to elect new officers within a couple of weeks. Some of the basic funding will go towards publicity.

Motion: 08-W-002 by Miller

Second: Lunden Vote:9-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Society of Professional Journalists, the purpose of this club is to bring relevant issues for journalist to the club for discussion and action. It is not only open to journalism majors and hope that people from all types of fields will come. They hope to become apart of the bigger national chapter and may charge a \$5 membership fee for those members who want to be involved heavily.

Motion: 08-W-003 by Mader

Second: Lunden Vote:9-0-0 Action: Passed

C. Belly Club, They hope to spread benefits of belly dancing. Some of their ideas for programming included bringing in professional dancers from Seattle or farther to bring more attention to this type of dancing as well as working with the local community. It is not restricted towards woman.

Motion: 08-W-004 by Mader

Second: Miller

Vote:9-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Information Items

A. WWU Road Racers, hoping to do an event about earth day and they will be working with alumni association and have received some help and support from environmental center with publicity. They hope to donate the proceeds to the western track team and some local non profit organizations that help preserve forests. They have all the costs set except for the t-shirts, and have already submitted a benefit request. They are hoping to get sponsors such as Haggen, and other business within the Bellingham community. Registration places will be in Fairhaven and the Western Bookstore. Kristina mentioned that they have spent countless hours planning and have really been on top of it. They are asking for \$2986.00 underwrite from the council.

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B. Western Students Against Zombies, Trying to bring Max Brooks to speak on campus this spring. The organization is currently in talks with the agent and they hope to get him booked as soon as possible. They have also contacted reservations and looked into getting a room for the event. They are also hoping to have support from the English department and are also looking for funds from the cold beverage contract. They are asking for 6,520.00 in the form of an underwrite. They hope to charge for this event. When they talked with his agent his price was \$5,500 but he hopes to get the speaker down to \$3000.00. Transportation has to be included within the performer fee. Council asked for him to bring a sheet with highs and lows with budget. He still talking with English department on getting financial support.

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C. ACDA, They hope to go to a conference which is associated with choir and music department. This conference will encompass multiple states throughout the northwest, Canada, and Japan. 8,000 choir conductors, 20 plus choir performers, they will also have a Q and A session after with some of the performers. There will be hundreds of workshops with topics related towards their majors. They are asking for a \$2944 underwrite from the council. Students are paying for about half of conference fee and hoping the council will cover the rest. The funds will go towards food, transportation, hotels for 2 nights and 3 days and some help on the concert fees and registration fees in Vancouver B.C.

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D. Harry Potter Club, proposing a club Yule Ball. They have lots of activities planned such as a desert buffet, music, pictures taking, and they hope to have a wizard rock bands. There is no final figure on the band but they hope to get one at a low cost. They hope to have a good figure of how much their performers will cost by next meeting. This will be a free event. Total for food and publicity will be \$99. It will be at the MAC recreation center. Asking for \$993.00 as an underwrite.

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E. Formula SAE, club that has been building cars since 85' working on 8th vehicle. Looking for funding for a competition and an unveiling event. The competition they hope to attend started in 83' about 400 teams attend the event. They have a lot of new goals and would like to bring down the time for building a car from 3 years to one year. They also hope to bring in more students from different departments to get involved within their club. They have a list of 70 people also who are interested. They want to build hype in the community and the university through there unveiling event. They will have it in the PAC. They are inviting different sponsors, staff students and alumni and possible guest speaker. They have main stage reserved April 19th. Most of the money will be used for the media costs, business cards, signs, and build the hype. They are also working on uniforms, to make sure people know who they are and show others that they are professional. They want to get the word out. They are requesting a 5,000 underwrite from the council.

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F. WWU Handball Club, Trying to go to collegiate championships tournament. They are trying to get more students to return to the sport, not sure how many students can go at this point. They will be meeting the coach something

this week and hope to get more numbers and information. Already are sure about \$3000 worth of funding from other sources. Each person that attends will be paying about \$100. The total amount will stay the same counting on the airline tickets staying around the same price. If the tickets were to exceed the estimated cost they plan to pay the difference themselves. They will be fundraising at the Bellingham athletic club and will hopefully cover that difference if there were one. They would be impacted if they were not able to get the full funding from AC in the form of a underwrite for between \$1457-\$1757.

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G. Engineers Without Borders, They want to build anaerobic digester to process food waste from the dining halls. They want to be separate and take waste from campus. They generate about 900,000 pounds of waste that could be used for heat/light/and combustible liquid. Had a meeting with Outback and they are also on board for this. Asking for about \$500 to get going on project and try to figure out if there are any problems at all to using this kind of waste.

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H. WWU MENC, Plan to go to state conference to better themselves as music educators and to represent Western. They mentioned that if AC does not approve funding they will be in debt. They are going to be staying in the Red Lion INN hotel, at \$84 per night per room. They have historically been having bake sales and this year have a lot of money going towards conference funding but this year lots of new people plan to attend so more money needed. They really don't want to charge members anymore and say that there members are paying about \$100 for this conference. They usually don't have a lot of people going to conference and this year there is 30. They are not able to keep up right now. They asked money in past for collegiate trip. They are doing everything they can to not ask for too much money. This conference can also be used as publicity for recruitment to WWU and to show Westerns commitment to musical excellence. The one concern faced by the council is that some of the expenditure requests were already approved and the council does not provide retroactive funding.

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Kristina Mader and Jeff Talbot stepped out at 6:32

VI. Action Items

A. Loa Records, reduced budget significantly because bands from out of town were not able to come. Now only asking for a \$250 underwrite out of grant/loans/underwrites.

Motion: 08-W-005 by Miller

Second: Henke Vote: 7-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Communications department, She is planning to present her paper at a conference and she has gotten several forms of funding and grant gina \$220.00 for the western states take out of academic conference form of a stipend.

Motion: 08-W-006 by Miller

Second: Lunden Vote:7-0-0 Action: Passed

VII. Bookstore Donation Request

A. AS Activities Center, for the showcase event on Wednesday January 23rd, hoping to publicize both the clubs and the bookstore and get people interested in the AS.

Motion: 08-W-007 by acclamation

B. ACE leadership Retreat, the donated items will be used to encourage both community building and to get participants involved in the programming. They will be handed out by having raffles where people may win them, giving everyone an equal opportunity.

Motion: 08-W-008 by Garcia

Second: Lunden Vote: 6-0-1 Action: Passed

VII. Other Business

None

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:52