

Western Washington University Associated Students Activities Council Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2008

VU 567

Present: Matt Jarrell, Steve Reno, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Brittany Smith, Kendra Shirley, Brad Pederson, Nate Wallace, Aaron Garcia, Kayle Walls

Absent: Courtney Taylor

Advisor(s): Lisa Rosenberg, Natalie Green, Kira Freed

Secretary: Meghan Sweeney

Guest(s): Devin Spencer (Bellingham Bike Gang, Pog Club Revolution, Kite Flying Society, Poke'mon Club), Jessie Mierzejewski (Swing Kids), Danielle Dickson (Students for Disability Awareness), Damian Wiese, Jake Utigard (Communication Club), Rebekah Kraft (WARN), Jeff DuCharre (STAND), Bora Kim (Do Dream Korean Missions), Sarah Lloyd (Loa Records), Tim Scholze (In Vino Veritas), Sarah Worley, Sasha Sleiman, Jason Clopper (International Affairs Association)

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-10	Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 6, 2008
AC-08-F-11	Recognize Bellingham Bike Gang as an official AS Recreational club with \$50 basic funding provided that they get the rest of the signatures. (Passed)
AC-08-F-12	Recognize Pog Club Revolution as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-13	Recognize Kite Flying society as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-14	Recognize Poke'mon Club as an official AS Special Interest with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-15	Recognize Do Dream Korean Missions as an official AS Religious Club without the \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-16	Recognize "In Vino Veritas" as an official AS Special Interest club with \$50 basic funding and a stipulation that somewhere in the mission statement it says that wine tasting is exclusive to students 21 and over. (Passed)
AC-08-F-17	Approve \$38 in for advertising and publicity for Communication Club Halloween Movie Night in the form of underwrite from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account and suspend the rest of the money for next week. Will be an action item for next week. (Passed)
AC-08-F-18	Move to suspend Activities Council bylaws for STAND to attend the National Student Conference in Washington DC so that they will be an action item for next week. (Passed)
AC-08-F-19	Moves to approve the Engineers Without Borders funding request for \$200 in the form of a loan and \$200 in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account to pay for chapter dues with a stipulation that they put on some sort of educational program on campus. Payback set for the end of winter quarter. (Passed)
AC-08-F-20	Approve \$600 to the Western Animal Rights Network in the form of an underwrite from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account their Power to the Pigs Benefit Concert. (Passed)
AC-08-F-21	Move to approve \$1500 as underwrite out of Club Conference Funding account to WWU Model United Nations (International Affairs Association) to Northwest Model United Nations Conference. (Passed)
AC-08-F-22	Approve \$125 in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account to Students for Disability Awareness for their Birthday Extravaganza. (Passed)
AC-08-F-23	Approve Swing Kids \$200 in form of a loan from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account for their Fall Fling. (Passed)
AC-08-F-24	Approve the Ethnic Student Center for \$300 from the Bookstore Donation Request funds for the ESC conference. (Passed)

Matt Jarrell, A.S. V.P of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Club recognition Item I for change of name from "Clothing Optional Club" to "Students for Optional Dress." Also fix the spelling of Anna Ellermeier's name.

MOTION AC-08-F-10 by Jarrell

Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 6, 2008.

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Take off item A of Bookstore Donation Request and move Action Item D, Student for Disability Awareness, after Information Item B.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial report is update to include Summer allocations approved by Jarrell. The percentages to the far right of the document is the percentage allocated for the year. Basic funding only has 59% remaining but more than half of the clubs are recognized for Fall quarter.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION (*Basic Funding if Indicated*)

A. Bellingham Bike Gang

Purpose is to be a club for bicyclists would have bike workshops where they would compare bikes, decorate bikes, and helmets. They would really like to focus on bike safety and trying to get more bikers to wear helmets and do the proper signals. It was asked if he would be open to changing the name from "gang" to "club." The guest liked the name "gang" because it paints a certain image like that of "Hells Angels". It is intended to take back the name of "gang" and reinstate its benevolent roots because they will be focusing mostly on safety. Ellermeier asked if he had talked to the outdoor center and he said no but he would like to get in contact with them. There are two members that are not students anymore but he has a large enough gathering to get the rest of the signatures needed to be recognized as a club.

MOTION AC-08-F-11 by Garcia

Recognize Bellingham Bike Gang as an official AS Recreational club with \$50 basic funding provided that they get the rest of the signatures.

Second: Reno

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

B. Pog Club Revolution

Purpose is play the game of Pog and bring Pogs back to the mainstream with tournaments and other events The guest expressed that people seem to like 80's toys so the club should go over well. It was suggested that funding would go towards buying Pogs and playing for keeps but Shirley noted that the club cannot buy Pogs with AS funding and have club members keep the Pogs. The guest said that that was fine and if the club chooses to by Pogs with that money then they will keep them in the club; no one will keep them.

MOTION AC-08-F-12 by Reno

Recognize Pog Club Revolution as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

C. Kite Flying Society

Purpose is to making kites, flying kites, and have kite making workshops where they would decorate. He wants to look into kite fighting as well as having a book club where they would only read Kite Runner. Money would go towards buying supplies to make kites. Walls suggested that he might want to pass off responsibilities to other people because he is taking on 4 clubs. The guest said that he was going to pass off some responsibilities. He said he had a lot of people interested in helping him out. He thought that he could spread the meetings out as well.

MOTION AC-08-F-13 by Reno

Recognize Kite Flying society as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

D. Poke'mon Club

Primary focus of this club would be on the trading card game. Money would be spent on cards and they would also watch the cartoon show of Poke'mon. There would also be general Poke'mon activities such as dressing up as Pikachu. Jarrell was questioned a Cultural and Ethnic club move towards a Special interest club although Jarrell agreed that Poke'mon is definitely a culture. Shirley reminded the guest that the cards would have to stay in the club and no one could keep them because they are bought with AS money. She also suggested that they get a group together to sing the theme song in public places.

MOTION AC-08-F-14 by Reno

Recognize Poke'mon Club as an official AS Special Interest with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Garcia

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

E. Library Maniacs!

Tabled for next week due to lack of representation

F. Do Dream Korean Missions

This club is Based on Do Dream Missions Center of Bellingham. Its purpose is to help Korean students get involved in the Bellingham community. The need for this club comes from problems in the past with having international students feeling integrated into the college community. Students were feeling isolated and were not getting enough interaction with other students. This club would help students deal with culture shock and. It was asked why they checked the religious category on the recognition form. The guest informed the council that Do Dream Korean Missions is a Christian group and they are now moving to campus to help the Korean Students. They will do worship, and religious study, and maybe sell food on venders row. It was also noted that students who do not share the same religious beliefs would be able to attend club meetings

MOTION AC-08-F-15 by Garcia

Recognize Do Dream Korean Missions as an official AS Religious Club without the \$50 basic funding.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

G. "In Vino Veritas" Wine and Social Club

Purpose is to hold a wine tasting social group at western. The guest acknowledged that there has been a club like this in the past and doesn't know why it no longer exists. He is

now wondering how he can go about having this club and not breaks any rules. He noted that the club does not necessarily require drinking on campus and can be open to all ages. Shirley asked if AC could give this club money to be spent on alcohol if they have to restrict access to students under 21. Walls said that they could have educational meetings on campus but the council cannot fund field trips that would require members to be 21 and older and the council would not pay for alcohol. However, it was noted that the club could bring in the fruit that they make wine with, learn about the process of wine making, and the skills to do so. The club might have to have member's records and make sure that everything was legal. The question of who would be liable if there was underage drinking. The guest noted that they might be able to have personnel from the VU to check IDs and if there was a fee for that they were willing to go ahead and cover it. Rosenberg noted that, depending on the type of event they decide to put on there are a few different options. They would have to look into filling out a few different forms if it were on campus. If it is on campus then a permit is required. Garcia suggested putting 21+ can drink in the mission statement. Two of the club administrators work at clubs and bars and they would not be able to have club meeting there. But they think they would be able to find a place.

MOTION AC-08-F-16 by Garcia

Recognize "In Vino Veritas" as an official AS Special Interest club with \$50 basic funding and a stipulation that somewhere in the mission statement it says that wine tasting is exclusive to students 21 and over.

Second: Reno

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

H. Woman's Action Patrol

Tabled until next week due to lack of representation

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Communication Club

The Communication Club put on three events a quarter. They are asking for funding for their first event of the quarter which is a social Halloween movie night Tuesday, October 28th. The movie will be Sleepy Hollow and is open to everyone on campus. Total request is \$566 in the form of an underwrite covering movie rights, food, publicity and decorations. Food and beverages will be at the event. Jarrell noted that Communication Club tends to advertise mainly in the Communications Facility and was wondering if they were advertising all around campus. The guest said that they were and were even looking into residents halls. Had about 60-70 people show last year and a lot were not communication Majors. They have companies in the area that are donating door prizes. Technically are not allowed to spend over \$150 on food unless it goes through campus catering. Catering exemption is pretty quick and will get back to them within a few days. Garcia asked if they could vote on publicity part today so they can start publicizing for the event. Rosenberg's concern was be that they would have to be approved for their event for sure next week. It was decided that they would be requesting \$38 for advertising and publicity. The dilemma was that if they approved the clubs publicity request today and left the rest of the request as an action item for next week then they would be allowing a club to advertise for a program that had not been approved yet. It was noted that they would not be allowing the club to advertise but just get the publicity process started because it can sometimes take a while.

MOTION AC-08-F-17 by Shirley

Approve \$38 in for advertising and publicity for Communication Club Halloween Movie Night in the form of underwrite from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account and suspend the rest of the money for next week. Will be an action item for next week.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2

Action: **Passed**

B. STAND

STAND National Student Conference is taking place November 7th to the 9th. It takes place simultaneously as an adult conference for non students who are involved in similar activist groups. The club needs help funding for the cost of travel. They are trying to get 6 students to go to the conference and ideally would like more because it allows for students to experience a variety of different workshops and become more informed. The Friday before the conference starts they will have an opportunity to lobby congress members. This serves as a crucial time to put pressure on upcoming presidential candidates about the issues that this club cares about. The club currently has about \$1200 in their account. Some of the money for this event, such as the registration fee, will come out of the pockets of the club members. All of the members are being housed for free and the only other expense is food which they are covering themselves. Travel is the only cost they are not funding themselves. There is a potential for them to have a ride to SeaTac. Jarrell lets them know that the council will have to suspend AC bylaws in order for the club to get funding in time. The club expressed that they were too late to get onto the agenda for last week.

Shirley stated that they might not be able to find tickets for the price that they put on their anticipated expenses. However, the guest noted that they chose flights, such as the red eye, that will allow them less expensive air fare. The club is really just looking for supplemental funding, and all the members are willing to contribute. The club does do a lot of fundraising and on campus events such as, die-ins, has a panel of experts, regional activists who come and speak. They are a very established club and are trying to put on workshops as well. The guest noted that it has been a balancing act with figuring out how much money to ask for and how much the club could afford on its own. The club did not fill out the proper paper work and needed to complete a Travel Request. This form asks how the event will benefit the community. Shirley said that it sounds as though the club has utilized their knowledge and brought it to the campus community. Rosenberg said that it might be good to vote on suspending the bylaws today so they know if they have to come back for next week. They will be an action item for next week to vote on how much funding they will receive. Rosenberg lets them know that they have to fill out the "what will you bring back from this event" section of the form.

MOTION AC-08-F-18 by Jarrell

Move to suspend Activities Council bylaws for STAND to attend the National Student Conference in Washington DC so that they will be an action item for next week.

Second: Smith

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2

Action: **Passed**

Took a 5 minute break at 6:55pm and started again at 7pm

C. Loa Records

Loa Records will be putting on an event which would involve bands and security taking up the total price. Cheetah Speed, Sojourner, and possibly Bloodhag will be playing. Bloodhag is the headliner, but they have not gotten confirmation from them yet. If they do not confirm this band or find another band that would be a big draw by the next Activities Council they

will not need the \$200 in the budget for this section. It is part of Loa Records Mission Statement that they don't charge for admission. So at the moment the amount needed is \$474 (\$144 for Security, \$30 for publicity, \$100 for the two out of town bands, \$200 possibly needed for headliner). Will be an action item next week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Engineers Without Borders

Engineers Without Borders is asking for \$400 to pay for their national chapter fee. This fee will allow the club to be recognized by the National Engineers Without Borders as a chapter and gets the club rights to different resources such as logos. Shirley asked if the council officially changed the request to be in the form of an underwrite. The answer was no. Walls asked if they club had other forms of fundraising. The guest said no because in order to get any grants they need to be recognized as an official chapter. A chapter due would not get the AC any money back because it would be in the form of a grant. With possible fundraisers they could pay money back. But it is so subjective that it would be difficult to determine when the money would be given back. Shirley asked if the council could give them a grant this year with the stipulation that they fund for it themselves for next year's fee. This was a possible motion. There was also a suggestion made that the council could split up how the money is given \$200 a loan \$200 grant. The project is dependent on the fundraising; they cannot do the project until they have enough money. Wallace noted that it seemed like being a chapter takes priority so the first money that the club raised would go towards paying back the chapter fee. The guest noted that they cannot be a chapter if they don't have a project so the two go hand in hand. Also have to pay \$400 back towards a chapter fee would hinder how they ask for fundraising. Fundraising is supposed to go towards the event you are advertising for; they couldn't put funding for their project and spend it on their chapter dues. If they did this they may lose funding opportunities in the future. The club has \$0 allotted for dues and \$500 for projects in their account at present. They are starting from scratch this year.

The guest was asked about specifics of the project and how it would benefit the larger student body. There would be about 10 students traveling for this project. It is the experience of doing this project that these students would leave with that would benefit the school. It is applying the knowledge you learn in school to real life. The club does put on educational programming on campus and plan on continuing. The club had representation at "Scholars Week" as well.

It was asked if the club could possibly charge a due to be a member of this club because they are a limited membership club. They already expect students to fund out of pocket for other things like air fare but were considering charging members. They thought that this was not a good idea because members do have to pay out of pocket for other events and projects in the future. There was some consideration again of splitting the cost up, one half as a grant and one as a loan. AC has occasionally paid for dues in past but there was concern that this would lead to more funding of chapter fees from other clubs. Shirley stated that because it is a time sensitive situation it is different. There was a consideration of the number of students it serves and the amount of money that is being asked. There was a suggestion that the club integrate more departments in to their project. It was felt that this would show its different impacts such as environmental, economic, and social. The guest stated that it is not an exclusive event. There were also concerns that because it is a long term project, we won't see the effects this year. There was a suggestion for the club to do something on Vender's Row.

MOTION AC-08-F-19 by Ellermeier

Moves to approve the Engineers Without Borders funding request for \$200 in the form of a loan and \$200 in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account to pay for chapter dues with a stipulation that they put on some sort of educational program on campus. Payback set for the end of winter quarter.

Second: Hall

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

B. Western Animal Rights Network

Requesting \$600 to fund their Power to the Pigs Benefit Concert on October 23. The concert is going to benefit the Pigs Peace Sanctuary in Stanwood. The money will be used to sound and light crews, security, and publicity. They are willing to ask for the money in the form of an underwrite instead of a loan as long as it doesn't interfere with the fact that it is a fundraiser. They have already started the publicity process and the AS logo would be on publicity. Their price for publicity was high but since it was in the form of an underwrite, what they don't use will come back to the AS. The bands are playing for free, student admission is \$6 and \$8 for general public.

MOTION AC-08-F-20 by Reno

Approve \$600 to the Western Animal Rights Network in the form of an underwrite from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account their Power to the Pigs Benefit Concert.

Second: Smith

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

C. WWU Model United Nations

International Affairs Association (WWU Model United Nations) facilitates has experienced tremendous growth. They are in their fifth year now and currently have about 35 members and they noted that this number will only increase. They are asking funds to go to Northwest Model United Nations Conference in Seattle. They are asking for \$200 less than what they asked for during the last Activities Council. They also added more people; 25 students instead of the original 20 students will be attending the conference. Four more people will be staffing and all of their expenses are paid for. This increase in attendance will not change how much the IAA is asking for. It was noted that students who are not going to conference will still be able to participate in trainings for the conference so that they can gain experience. Membership is open to everyone and all majors are invited to participate.

The conference starts Friday evening. A US ambassador is going to be opening the speaker and the Current Events Forum has been invited to come and watch him ambassador speak. There are committee sessions to get people familiar with the rules. Saturday is biggest day; there will be committee sessions starting early in the morning and going late into the evening. Sunday will be similar to Saturday but there will be a wrap up and some consensus building. Then there will be a closing ceremony with another guest speaker.

There is \$500 set aside for travel and miscellaneous expenses but this is now being used for registration fees due to the increased interest. They are asking for a total of \$2300 and money is getting moved around because of the attendance change. There will be 29 students attending total, 4 of which are staffing for free. It is highly likely that the IAA will come back for money for future conferences but won't happen until winter quarter. It was asked if they will keep sending the same people to conferences and the IAA responded that if membership increases they probably won't be. They want to give everyone a chance to go. However, they have to make sure that people qualify to go to the conferences. Jarrell

was looking over last year's numbers and noticed that they received \$1900 in the form of a loan. Jarrell was wondering if they would prefer if they received their funding as a loan or would they rather have a grant. The IAA noted that due to their extenuating circumstances they would rather ask for a grant and then we could focus paying for their future conferences. They have received money from departments and so they have definite avenues to fund for future conferences. The club only does one high school conference and there might be an on campus conference. The on campus conference would not necessarily be a fundraiser because it would be for students and would serve as training.

Walls noted that they could save \$1500 by commuting to and from Bellingham for the conference. The IAA noted this and said that if they did so they would be charged a fee, plus they booked a block of rooms and will have to absorb the costs if they bail out now. The hours are also problematic for commuting because the conference starts early in the morning and ends late in the evening. Staying in the hotel also allows for more community building. Also, the IAA noted that night is never over just because the conference ends. This funding request would come out of the club conference budget. It is costing \$40 per student and they will be taking \$250 from additional members so this takes the total down to \$2050. The IAA is still working on the budget. It was noted that the staff are not included in travel because they have to go earlier. They don't know how much the hotel is going to cost, but they do know cost for delegation fees. It was brought up that the council could fund the delegation fees as a grant and then the hotel as an underwrite or loan. The major problem with the whole situation is that it is only serving 25 people and costing a lot of money. The IAA argued that they do bring what they learned back to campus. They put on trainings, talk to classes, do programs on campus, and they may host a conference just for Western students at the end of the year. Also, the 25 students will go back to their classes with all the information and share it with their peers. They are trying to get more institutionalized and get involved with DRAC. They are also looking in to working with summer programs and branching out further. Going to these conferences allows students to come back with valuable knowledge. Wallace wondered how much money was coming out of the pockets of the students. IAA said that it was about \$50 and Wallace noted that even if they made it \$100, it would serve to cut the total cost in half. Members are willing to pay \$75. This will mean that the students are paying well over delegate cost and then their share for the hotel as well. Shirley asked if they have looked into government funding. One of the guests said that she has applied for funding with little luck for government grants. She noted that it might be a special high school program that Shirley was thinking about. They are applying for a federal grant but that won't be given until next year. It was asked if there were individual scholarships. The guest said she will look into it for future conferences. The new total that the IAA is requesting is \$1481 and the Activities Council is rounding up to \$1500. It was asked if the IAA could collect \$75 from each delegate and they answered that it was possible.

MOTION AC-08-F-21 by Jarrell

Move to approve \$1500 as underwrite out of Club Conference Funding account to WWU Model United Nations (International Affairs Association) to Northwest Model United Nations Conference.

Second: Wallace Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

Garcia Left

D. Students for Disability Awareness

Students for Disability Awareness is asking for a total of \$125 in the form of an underwrite to put on their Birthday Extravaganza celebrating one year of the club's existence. The event will serve to involve more people in the club and raise awareness. They are looking at a room in the Communications Facility to hold their event. Looking to spend \$50 on posters and publicity and does not know if they will use the publicity center because it was getting close to the event. Ellermeier said that she thought their publicity request would go through.

MOTION AC-08-F-22 by Jarrell

Approve \$125 in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account to Students for Disability Awareness for their Birthday Extravaganza.

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

E. Swing Kids

The Swing Kids are dropping their request from \$250 to \$200 because they were granted \$50 basic funding and are using it for this event. The event will take place on Saturday, October 18th. The Fall Fling will be three dance workshops followed by a dance. Advertising is going to be lower than stated and they just need the funding to cover the security and decorations. The guest noted that he will probably have money back to the Activities Council by Monday.

MOTION AC-08-F-23 by Reno

Approve Swing Kids \$200 in form of a loan from the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites Account for their Fall Fling.

Second: Wallace Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 Action: **Passed**

IX. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. Ethnic Student Center

The Ethnic Student Center is requesting \$300 for ESC Conference. This is one of their biggest events of the year. The Activities Council gave them \$350 last year it also ran out of money last year. It was asked whether or not the ESC usually gets money from of the Steering Committee. The Activities Council currently has \$891.67 left for this quarter from the Bookstore. These budget reports are from winter quarter due to a technology error.

MOTION AC-08-F-24 by Reno

Approve the Ethnic Student Center for \$300 from the Bookstore Donation Request funds for the ESC conference.

Second: Shirley Vote: 6 - 0 - 3 Action: **Passed**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:16 P.M.