

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Activities Council Meeting**

Monday, October 20, 2008 VU 567

- Present:** Matt Jarrell, Steve Reno, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Courtney Taylor, Brad Pederson, Nate Wallace, Kayle Walls, Aaron Garcia, Brittany Smith
- Absent:** Kendra Shirley, Kira Freed
- Advisor(s):** Lisa Rosenberg, Natalie Green
- Secretary:** Meghan Sweeney
- Guest(s):** Michelle Becker (Library Maniacs), Cody Flynn (Democracy Matters), Kenneth Jussaume (Japanese Student Union), Leslie Gains-Germain, Mari Rueter (Out of State Student Association), Chris Godwin, Vickie Motter (Harry Potter Club), Jordan Bright, Katie Chugg (Fairhaven Free Press), Drew Thayer, Alex Freund (Viking Mini-Baja Racing Team),

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-24	Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 13, 2008
AC-08-F-25	Recognized Library Maniacs as an official AS Academic and Departmental Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-26	Recognized WWU Chapter of Democracy as an official AS Political Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-27	Moves to approve the request to change the name of Brown Pride to Queer People of Color. (Passed)
AC-08-F-28	Approve \$65 to the Japanese Student Association for their Halloween Party in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account. (Passed)
AC-08-F-29	<i>Approve \$600 in form of underwrite out of Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for Halloween movie night. (Passed)</i>
AC-08-F-30	Approve \$1500 to STAND as an underwrite out of the Club Conference account for their National Students Conference. (Passed)
AC-08-F-31	Approve \$200 for Loa Records in form of underwrite out of Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account. (Passed)
AC-08-F-32	Approve \$100 for WWU Job Fair with the stipulation that the Activities Council 2008-2009 receives a thank you card from Ramiro Espinoza. (Passed)

Matt Jarrell, A.S. V.P of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AC-08-F-24 by Jarrell

Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 13, 2008

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 7 - 0 - 2

Action: **Passed**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

No revisions to the agenda.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Walls stated that the report is the same as last weeks and he will get an updated version next week. It was asked if the Engineers Without Borders were to be an action item for this week. Jarrell said no because they have not talked to Rosenberg yet. Walls wanted to let everyone know that the Engineers Without Borders paid their chapter dues last June. This means that the money they were given last week, \$200 as a loan and \$200 as an underwrite, will have to be voted on. The club is in the whole \$100. The decision of whether or not the council will give them \$100 to help subsidize the fee will be decided on later.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION (Basic Funding if Indicated)

A. Library Maniacs

Purpose of the club is to serve as an interface between the students. The students can express what they want out of the library and talk to the club and they can talk to the staff and make things happen. Raise money for books, board games, and they can play games like hide and seek. Garcia asked what the relationship fee was between the S&A fee, the library and the Associated Students. Rosenberg stated that the library was not funded out of S&A fees and as far as she knew it was funded with state dollars. In terms of granting basic funding, Garcia wanted to make sure that the club would not be double dipping. Walls said that it depends on what the intent of the club. Library Maniacs is for the students who are enthusiastic about the library. The club will be having its first meeting this Thursday.

MOTION AC-08-F-25 by Garcia

Second: Walls

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

B. Women's Action Patrol

Tabled due to lack of representation

C. Democracy Matters

Democracy Matters is a national organization which advocates for publically financing elections. This is when the state establishes a public fund, either through taxes or other means, to allow candidates to run on that funding rather than other funding. It is the closest thing that we can get to a panacea for a whole bunch of different problems in a sense that money affects politics. The guest stated that this is important to recognize because it shows that democracy is only accessible to those who can afford to run. This is an issue that effects a wide range of things. For example an event the group has been thinking about is getting a forum to talk about how public financing effects different departments such as the environment, economics, and business. The club would basically serve many of the functions of the standard political club in the sense that they would do voter registration drives. The name of the club allows the club access to materials. They are putting on a "Protect the Vote" campaign and the guest has been able to print off a lot of materials already. These are non partisan activities they would put on. Rosenberg asked about their constitution because she noticed that they put "Western Washington University Chapter of Democracy Matters" and on the paper work they stated the club as just, "Democracy Matter." She was wondering which one they wanted to be. The guest said that he would like it to be posted as WWU Chapter of Democracy Matters because it would separate them from the other chapters nationwide. Jarrell let the guest know the Voter Collation would be a good resource for him to look into and that people on the AS Board have been working on the same issue.

MOTION AC-08-F-26 by Garcia

Recognized WWU Chapter of Democracy as an official AS Political Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Taylor Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

D. Brown Pride

Brown Pride would like to change their name from "Brown Pride" to Queer People of Color (QPOC). This is a club for queer people of color and their allies. It is housed in the Ethnic Student Center and has been around for quite some time. They want to change their name because they feel that the current name is misleading and confusing. Although there is a long legacy with the name "Brown Pride" there has been a strong interest in changing it. It was a unanimous decision to change it to QPOC. Hall noted that it doesn't change the purpose statement of the club because the name is not included in it. Garcia asked if it would change their status in the ESC and Hall stated that they would have to put the charter to a vote but they were going to change some things in it anyway.

MOTION AC-08-F-27 by *Smith*

Moves to approve the request to change the name of Brown Pride to Queer People of Color.

Second: Ellermeier Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Japanese Student Association- Halloween Party

The party will take place October 30th and it is intended to help Japanese students understand what Halloween is about. It is also intended to let Western students interact with Japanese students. Since they are asking for less than \$75 they can vote today. They are looking into other Japanese themed clubs for publicity.

MOTION AC-08-F-28 by *Garcia*

Approve \$65 to the Japanese Student Association for their Halloween Party in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account.

Second: Smith Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

B. Out of State Student Association

Purpose of club is to plan events directed towards out of state students to get them associated with the Bellingham area. Have done trips to mallards, bowling, gone ice skating, OC excursion, an end of the year picnic, and other activities. They have submitted entire events schedule for the whole year and are asking for a total of \$700 as an underwrite. They received \$800 last year and did not spend a significant portion of it but last year their spring events stopped. They are planning to use all of this money this year. Garcia noted that they have a good reputation as an active club on campus. They try to cover all the expenses so that students don't feel the pressure of having to pay. Will be an action item for next week.

C. Harry Potter Club- Yule Ball 2008

This club revolves around the magical world of Harry Potter. This year they plan on throwing their annual Yule Ball (2008) closer to the Yule Season. They have the MPR booked for November 15th and have two bands so far. There is a good chance that they will have Collin and the Creevy's, a local band from the Seattle area. They also have the Slug Club. There will be a costume contest with prizes, food for catering, Tarot with Trelawney, and a load of decorations. They have been able to bring the price down a lot and will be using decorations from last year as well as new ones this year. Jarrell noted that he went last year and it was "awesome!" Last year the Ball was four hours last year had about 70 people at the peak. It will go from 7pm to 10pm and there is free admission. They are going to be

requesting from RHA for more money for food. They are also going to try out student catering. The club plans to be meeting with RHA on Thursday of next week. Will be an action item for next week.

D. Fairhaven Free Press

Have a brand new staff this year with 8 people. They are requesting \$400 to go towards printing their first 2500 issues. They print through the Lynden Tribune and they have copies delivered to the school. Walls brought up if they had distribution of their paper and whether or not they had stands. The guest commented that there are baskets around campus and only one or two had free press but most don't. They are wondering who to go to in order to get some more free press baskets. They keep getting money to make the paper but have few options for distributing them. Garcia noted that he noticed that there was no indication that the AS was funding the free press and was hoping a logo could be added. Will be an action item for next week.

E. Viking Baja Cars

The club is a team that builds prototype vehicles for a Society of Automotive Engineer's sponsored competition. Colleges across the nation and world come and participate. They would like to be funded purchase a set of tools. Tools have been provided by the students in the past but no one has any this year. It is an expensive project and last year it totaled \$17,000. The only funding that they receive is from sponsorships from local businesses and organizations such as the AS. The tools would improve the value of the club and would be passed on in the years that follow to use these tools. It would make the club more accessible to more students who do not have the resources to pursue their passions. Engineering students can use this as an opportunity to apply their skills. The club is open to all majors. If they were given the money the tools would stay in the club. They have about 20 students in the club and this number is fairly consistent. They had a lot of people outside the department to participate, accounting, business, and marketing. Garcia asked how they would keep the tools in the club and the guest stated that leaders in the team would have access to the tools and keys. Wallace asked if they would mind sharing resources with the club as long as there is accountability. They said they would be open to it. He only sees that the accountability would be difficult the more people you allow to share.

It was asked how they would bring a positive experience to WWU students and the guest responded that students will be able to apply the skills they are learning in the classroom and the experiences can be taken to the work place. Students who come from this club often have a good reputation and companies recognize this; it is almost prestigious because of the kind of experiences our students have. It was asked if the cost is retail value or if the club is getting any breaks with sponsors or education programs. The guest stated that they had not been getting any discounts yet. Any price reduction is included in the price stated. They are willing to look and ask around to figure out their options. The club has gone to sponsors from last year and making sure they are renewing their sponsorship. The club may come back to the council for travel expense at the end of the year to go to the competition. They went to Peoria, Illinois last year for a competition. This year's competition is in Portland, Oregon and won't be as expensive. The engineering program has added value to the university as a whole. Will be an action item next week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Communications Club- Movie Night

The Communication Club is putting on Halloween movie night next Tuesday where they will be showing the movie Sleepy hollow The requested donation is \$600 and it covers decorations, movie rights, food and publicity. AC already gave them \$38 for publicity and now the total request is \$545 as an underwrite. They have at least 2 flyers already printed. They received a catering exemption. Garcia was thinking about rounding up to \$600 due to little things that might pop up.

MOTION AC-08-F-29 by Garcia

Approve \$600 in form of underwrite out of Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for Halloween movie night.

Second: Ellermeier Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

B. STAND Conference

The STAND Club is asking for contributions to help pay for plane fair to STAND's National Student conference. There will be a number of workshops and 6 students will be attending. They need to have 6 member go so that each workshop can be attended and the members can bring back information to club and spread it around the campus community. Jarrell asked about the \$50-\$150 for the price of tickets and this is because they are waiting to see what they receive from the AC. The longer they wait the more ticket prices cost. The members are trying to stay in free housing in Washington DC. They will pay for everything else out of pocket, hotel, food, and registration fee. They are a very egalitarian group but there are key members in the group. Who got to go really depended on meeting attendance and the member's class schedule. The 6 who are attending were all consistently involved in the past year's club activities. There is a wide array of students who are sophomores and juniors. Only one of the members going will be leaving next year. Ticket prices are about \$290 to \$400 or \$500. If they can pay using the WWU credit card there will be some price reduction. They are hoping to get the 6 tickets anywhere from \$300-400. The tickets would have to be purchased out of the club accounts. All the tickets have to purchased out of the club account. The club does not plan on coming back to the AC for anything but they tend to fund everything themselves.

MOTION AC-08-F-30 by Garcia

Approve \$1500 to STAND as an underwrite out of the Club Conference account for their National Students Conference.

Second: Reno

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

C. Loa Records Concert

Loa has MPR booked for November 7th . Some things have fell through for the concert. They have decided to have the concert as a local showcase because all of the bands canceled except Cheetah Speed. The only really need money for is the security. They are now asking for a total of \$144 in the form of an underwrite. They have already put contacting local bands into motion. Garcia wondered if they could give them more for hospitality. The final funding request is \$200 in form of underwrite.

MOTION AC-08-F-31 by Taylor

Approve \$200 for Loa Records in form of underwrite out of Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account.

Second: Walls

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

IX. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. WWU Job Fair

The money will be used for a door prize for Western students and will indicate that it is from the bookstore. Garcia wants to make a stipulation that Ramiro Espinoza gives everyone a thank you card. It was later settled that only one thank you card will be necessary for the entire Activities Council. Ellermeier wondered if you had to be a student to request money from the bookstore and Jarrell said that you did not as long as it benefits the student body. Any club can request a donation from the Bookstore once per. Rosenberg stated that Western might have a table at the job fair and it might work out that students at the job fair can enter the drawing for the money at the table. It was assumed that this was a table prize.

MOTION AC-08-F-32 by Garcia

Approve \$100 for WWU Job Fair with the stipulation that the Activities Council 2008-2009 receives a thank you card from Ramiro Espinoza.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

Jarrell told the council that there were four or five items on the agenda for this week that had to be taken off because they did not make the deadlines set. These were travel request and they needed to be turned in five weeks before the date of the event. Ellermeier noted that they suspended bylaws for the WWU Model UN this was an exception because that club was ready to submit their request by the deadline. The Neuroscience Club brought this situation up when they did not meet the deadline and so now the AC is going to be tighter on the regulations. Garcia wondered if the Neuroscience Club should be allowed to come to the AC to present their case. There was a question as to where they draw the line for people who do not meet deadline to get on the agenda. Ellermeier questioned if they could just do it for travel. Walls wondered if they could do it just for fall quarter because clubs are just getting up and running. Taylor argued that we are here to serve our students, and that the AC is not a business and we should be more understanding and accommodating to the students. She state that there are things that come up and if we allow some leeway it might make things a little easier. Walls stated that these deadlines are in place for a reason especially when it comes to travel because ticket prices rise as time goes by. This would mean that if we took the deadline away or allowed a lot of leeway, we might end up spending more money than we would if we enforced the deadline.

It was asked if an appeal could be allowed where the group could present their case similar to what we do for bookstore donation. Hall stated that the AC could send the information to the clubs and then there could be a petition and a grace period. Rosenberg brought up that allowing an appeal process would bump deadlines even further. It was restated that there is a reason for these deadlines and they allow for enough time to get travel details in place. Wallace wondered if they could have two different vote, one for if we would allow them to petition and then we could vote if we grant them funding or not and do it all in the same week. Jarrell summarized by saying that Casey could send out a mass email that explains the information and what the club needs to do. It would also present the deadline. Another option Jarrell went over was that the council could tell the clubs that did not meet the deadline to attend the meeting. We would add revisions to the agenda so they could plea their case and the council would vote that same day. It could be something they do just in the fall or they could do it all year. Taylor commented that things do come up and we should do it on a case by case basis. She brought up last year when Cornell West came to campus and how it was a wonderful event and it would not have been possible unless the bylaws

were suspended. It was suggested that there could be a combination of the two examples. The council would give the information to the club, allow a grace period, but still examine on case by case basis. Wallace wondered if they could screen due to increase in work load. It was suggested that Jarrell should pre-screen. Jarrell said that he felt comfortable compiling the information and having Casey send a mass email and judge case by case. It was decided that they will do a case by case system by acclamation.

The new travel policy has not been approved yet and Walls wondered if there was a statement in there that would decide deadlines for them. Rosenberg does not think that they could look at the two groups who did not make dead line. Ellermeier wants Jarrell to explain to the clubs that got taken off the agenda what happened and yet let them know that it is not feasible that they would get the funding. The Neuroscience club and the Students for the Democratic Society will be invited for the next meeting and let them explain their cases. Jarrell will email the forms to the council so that they are informed for next week's meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:20 P.M.