

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

Monday, October 6th, 2008

VU 567

Present: Matt Jarrell, Steve Reno, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Brittany Smith, Courtney Taylor, Kendra Shirley, Brad Pederson, Nate Wallace *Late:* Aaron Garcia

Absent: Kayle Walls

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

Secretary: Meghan Sweeney

Guest(s): Eric Breuhaus (Underwater Hockey), Sarah Anderson (Western Pregnancy Options and Support), Chris Wescott (WWU Swing Kids), David Byon (WWU Pre-Pharmacy), Zachery Robertson (Barterers without Borders), Esme Dutcher (Students for Optional Clothing), Ian Forsyth (WWU Ecstatic Dance Club), Matthew Osborne (Viking Community Builders), Rebekah Kraft (WARN), Sarah Worley, Sasha Sleiman, Jason Clopper (International Affairs Association),

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-01	Recognize Barterers without Borders as an official AS Social Issues Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-02	Recognize Pre-Pharmacy as an official AS Academic Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-03	Recognize Viking Community Builders as an official AS Social Issues Club with \$50 basic funding as long as the members turn in the proper paperwork with five member signatures by the end of the week. (Passed)
AC-08-F-04	Recognize All Saints Episcopal Campus Ministry as an official AS Religious Club without \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-05	Recognize Underwater Hockey as an official AS Recreational Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-06	Recognizes the Ecstatic Dance Club official Arts and Music Club without the basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-07	Recognize Comics/ Sequential Art Club an official Arts and Music Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-08	Recognize Western Pregnancy Options & Support as an official AS Service Club w/o basic funding (Passed)
AC-08-F-09	Recognize Students for Optional Dress as an official AS Social Issues Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)

Matt Jarrell, A.S. V.P of Activities, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -No minutes

II. **REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**- Swing Kids was added as information item E.

III. **BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT** -

Financial summary was examined and no major changes were made.

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

A. **Barterers without Boarders Club (Basic Funding)**

Purpose of club is to support students in developing skills that they have with regards to trade. Coordinates outlets for trade within and around the campus community.

The club aims to have meetings take place every other week and put on community building events such as potlucks, guest speakers, skill shares.

MOTION AC-08-F-01 by Jarrell

Recognize Barbers without Borders as an official AS Social Issues Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

B. Pre-Pharmacy Club (Basic Funding)

Purpose is to address the need of a pre-pharmacy club at Western and help students who are interested in a career in pharmaceutical science become prepared for the work force. This club would help students to connect, network, and share information to make informed decisions about education paths within this particular field of study. Would like to have guest speakers, discussion sessions, barbecues, and game nights to promote club attendance and build community.

MOTION AC-08-F-02 by Shirley

Recognize Pre-Pharmacy as an official AS Academic Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Smith

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

C. Viking Community Builders Club (Basic Funding)

Purpose is to bring together the Western Washington University community and Bellingham community to solve issues such as noise, trash, and other issues that plague the community. Events that have taken place include "Let's Talk Forums" which invite Bellingham community members and WWU students to engage in an open discourse to address pertinent issues. The members would also like to engage in potlucks and community nights in the neighborhoods. The application for club recognition was submitted without the required signature of five members and the council discussed whether or not they could recognize Viking Community Builders as a club without these signatures. It was decided that as long as Viking Community Builders members could get the five required signatures by the end of the week they would be recognized as a club.

MOTION AC-08-F-03 by Shirley

Recognize Viking Community Builders as an official AS social issues club with \$50 basic funding as long as the members turn in the proper paperwork with five member signatures by the end of the week.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

D. All Saints Episcopal Campus Ministry Club

Purpose is to provide liturgical worship service to campus community. They would like to put on prayer services, bible study, and provide community service opportunities to strengthen the community and increase involvement. This includes a weekly campus worship service.

MOTION AC-08-F-04 by Reno

Recognize All Saints Episcopal Campus Ministry as an official AS religious club without \$50 basic funding.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

E. Underwater Hockey (basic funding)

Purpose is to provide a place for students and community members to come and play underwater hockey. Practice would be held biweekly and opportunities to play in tournaments

may come up. Although they did not originally state that they wanted basic funding, they later concluded that it would be nice to pay for lifeguards.

MOTION AC-08-F-05 by Jarrell

Recognize Underwater Hockey as an official AS recreational club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

F. Ecstatic Dance Club

Purpose is to provide a spiritually uplifting environment for people to express themselves through the art of dance. Ian Forsyth claimed that this club would be different than other dance clubs because it is more free and expressive. They are not teaching a type of dance but setting up a creative space for dance to take place. There will be dancing prompts from club members, warm up activities, and movement workshops. Forsyth asked how he can reserve space. Jarrell told him that he just needs to ask Linda Bolinger in order to fill out an e-form for a room reservation. No basic funding due to lack of budget authority.

MOTION AC-08-F-06 by Reno

Recognizes the Ecstatic Dance Club official Arts and Music Club without the basic funding.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

G. Comics/Sequential Art Club (Basic Funding)

Purpose is to provide an outlet for students with interests in comics and sequential art to come together, discuss and share. They would like to have speakers and creators come. They would also like to purchase books and other materials. The location of this club would be in an alternative library off campus on North Forest. This location is very close to campus and advertising on campus will be utilized. Lisa Rosenberg noted that the materials they would purchase with the basic funding could be used by all western students. Zac Robertson also noted that there is a check out system which includes name, phone number, and the name of the book and they are willing to upgrade it.

MOTION AC-08-F-07 by Shirley

Recognize Comics/ Sequential Art Club an official Arts and Music Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Reno

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

H. Western Pregnancy Options & Support

Purpose is to connect students to resources on life affirming options for pregnancy and raise awareness that these resources are available through the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic located on State Street. Sarah Anderson noted that 50% of people who visit the clinic are Western students. There are parenting classes, donation drives, and information for finding a physician. They want to utilize advertisements to make sure that this service is known. Rosenberg brought up that there had been concerns in the past about the perspective of the clinic. Sarah acknowledged this and said that the staff has changed since then and that they are more aware and sensitive of that issue. All they want to do is provide awareness that these resources are available.

MOTION AC-08-F-08 by Jarrell

Recognize Western Pregnancy Options & Support as an official AS Service Club w/o basic funding

Second: Smith

Vote: 8-0-0

Action: **Passed**

I. Students for Optional Dress Club

Provide a safe, non sexual environment to encourage becoming comfortable with the human body and its natural forms with the intention of improving body image. Activities would include potlucks, yoga, discussion groups, and possible trips to nudist colonies. These activities will take place in off campus, private and safe, environments where the option of nudity is not obligatory. Courtney Taylor inquired whether or not the club could have events on campus. It was answered that they can but they cannot be clothing optional. However, discussions on body image would be welcomed. There was a discussion about what category the club should be under and it was decided that they would be a social issue club.

**Aaron Garcia entered at 7:38*

MOTION AC-08-F-9 by Hall

Recognize Students of Optional Clothing as an official AS Social Issue Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 8-0-1

Action: **Passed**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Engineers Without Borders

This is Engineers Without Borders third year as WWU chapter of the National Engineers Without Borders Organization. They are requesting \$400 in the form of a grant to pay for the chapter dues required each year by the National EWB Organization. This payment is due October 31st. The funding would allow the club to get projects reviewed and endorsed by the National EWB's professional engineers, logistical support, and help with fundraising. Pederson asked if they could use fundraising for the money. The guest responded that they were able to use fundraised money for the chapter fee last year. Since then they have used up all of their fundraising on the bigger project of building a laundry facility in Guatemala. It was asked if they would be able to do some fundraising this year. The Guest responded that it would not likely happen. They will be requiring anywhere from \$10-25,000 to pull the project off in Guatemala. So, if they would have to ask for the \$400 in a loan it would just be an extra \$400 that they would have to find money for. The club is not able to put on a lot of programs on campus because there is not much they can do on campus. They have had speakers in the past. Donations that the club receives go through the AS funds and into the clubs account. Shirley considered that an underwrite instead of a loan might be better for this club. This will be an action item for next week.

B. Western Animal Rights Network

The Western Animal Rights Network is asking for \$600 in the form of a loan to hold an event on October 23rd, 2008. The event is a Fundraiser for Pigs Peace Sanctuary and the money would go to cover the expenses of VU Event Services Fees, printing and publicity, band parking, band hospitality. The name of the event is the Power to the Pigs! benefit concert. There will be an entry fee of \$6 for students and \$8 for general. Money is intended to be donated to the sanctuary. Jarrell asked if they considered putting the AS logo on the advertisements. The Guest said she would have to check with the president of the club. Rosenberg asked to consider an underwrite instead of a loan. This will be an action item for next week.

C. WWU Model United Nations

The WWU Model UN is asking for \$2,500 in the form of a grant to send twenty four students to the Northwest Model UN Conference in Seattle. This club was founded 4 years

ago starting with only five members. It has since grown to have thirty-five members. The club goes to different conferences around the region. They also attend the National Model United Nations Conference in New York which provides a great learning experience for all those who attend. The club involves all different kinds of majors and is open to all students. They were at Info Fair, vender's row, and they work with exchange students. They are an award winning organization. They have come to see that they are too big for the AS and are trying to become a departmental program called DRAC. It fell through last year and the Board could not sustain them. They are working hard to find other funding but were asked to come to AC. The club is expanding and trying to get their funding situation worked out. At NWMUN Conference they can network and it involves schools in the region. It is important to go to a conference like this during fall quarter because it encourages membership. The WWU chapter also has a good recognition and reputation as a Model UN club.

The budget is broken up among 20 delegates/students in total. A total of 24 students would be attending the conference. Four of those students are staffing free of charge and are not calculated into the budget. The total of \$2,500 is broken up between registration, hotel room, travel, and the national registration fee. The more attendance this year allows for more members to staff for free for next year. A club member paid out of pocket for the national registration fee. Deadline has passed and we have been granted an extension. The Guests expressed that whatever the council can give them is great.

Jarrell told them that the AC cannot grant retroactive funding for the \$200 national registration fee to pay the student back. The idea that the AC could suspend bylaws in order to do so was brought up. If this was decided it was recommended that the WWU Model UN separate the \$200 from their whole request in case it gets rejected.

The club stated that they were trying to find opportunities for other types of funding. The Cold Beverage Contract Committee has allowed them to come back to request funding national's conference in January. It was asked if their fund raisers bring in enough money for future conferences or if they will have to come back and ask the AC for more money. They said that they have a high school conference which they try to make that funding go towards but it's not till February so that doesn't help us here. It was asked if they attended the NWMUN conference last year. They said that they did and that the AC has funded them in the past. This conference is 2yrs old and the cost was \$1,550 for last year. The price is higher this year because they are required to stay in a hotel. They have commuted in the past and just stayed at houses and attended the conference during the day. There is now a commuter fee if they choose to drive instead of stay in the hotel. It was asked if the commuter fee adds up to less than hotel fee. It was answered that the fees are pretty much the same. It was noted that the money that they are allocating would come out of winter quarters allotment. This will be an action item for next week.

Advisor Green left

D. Students for Disability Awareness

Students for Disability Awareness is requesting \$125 in the form of an underwrite in order to put on a Birthday Extravaganza celebrating the SDAs one year anniversary. The club is currently in the process of fundraising has sent letters out to different businesses around Bellingham. They just need a little bit of money to build a community through this event. The event will probably be on campus. It is written as an underwrite because the club is pretty sure that with fundraising they will be able to pay the AC back. This will be action item next week.

E. Swing Kids

Swing Kids is one of the largest if not largest clubs on campus. They average about 160 students, and at last week's meeting they had over 180 people in attendance including alumni

and community members. They are requesting \$250 as an underwrite or loan for their Fall Fling event scheduled for Saturday the 18th. It's going to be a long and inclusive class starting in the morning with a dance in the evening. There will be a \$5 fee per lesson and includes the dance entry and a \$15 for all three lessons with free admission to the dance. There will also be a \$1 off if students come dressed up. They want people to dress up and there will be free admission for people who have leant time and equipment for the event. They had a problem last spring with the attendance at one of their events that left them with no money in bank this year. They are confident that they should have no problem paying back. They don't have \$50 basic funding for this year will get it from Debbie Jackson at the front desk. They will then be requesting \$200 with the basic funding be put towards this event. They will probably be asking for a loan. Location is reserved, everything is planned, and there will be a DJ, they just need the extra money. This event should not be under attended because, unlike the event in the spring, it is directly aimed at incoming students. This will be an Action Item for next week.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**- There were no Action Items

IX. **BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST** – There were no requests

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 8:22 P.M.