

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

Monday, November 10, 2008

VU 567

Present: Kayle Walls, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Courtney Taylor, Brad Pederson, Nate Wallace, Brittany Smith, Kendra Shirley,
Absent: Matt Jarrell, Steve Reno, Aaron Garcia
Advisor(s): Lisa Rosenberg, Natalie Green, Kira Freed
Secretary: Meghan Sweeney
Guest(s): Miles Kenny (Cribbage Club), Michael Philpott, Samuel Nguyen (F.I.L.M), Chris Westcott (Swing Kids), Karl Poechlauer, Samuel Kisbye (Students for Ron Paul/ Students for a New Liberty), Todd Hunt (WARN), Erin Kelly (Formula SAE)

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-49	Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 27, 2008 (Passed)
AC-08-F-50	Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 3, 2008. (Passed)
AC-08-F-51	Recognize Filming Ideas with Limited Material as an official AS Arts and Music Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-52	Recognize Cribbage Club as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-53	Recognize the club name change of Students for Ron Paul to be changed to Students for a New Liberty and to be considered a Social Issues Club instead of a Political Club with the stipulation that they adjust their mission statement by this coming Friday to exclude the political aspect of Ron Paul's Campaign. (Passed)
AC-08-F-54	Approve \$175 to the Students for Sustainable Foods in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account with the stipulation that it is used for educational purposes and not to endorse the establishment of a student run coop on campus this money will go to cover the cost of food, publicity, and possibly a banner that promotes the club. (Passed)
AC-08-F-55	Approve \$2200 to WARN in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their Turkey-less thanksgiving with the stipulation that they do not advertise for the event before it takes place, charge \$4 for students and \$8 for general public, and let the council know why the food was so expensive (Passed)
AC-08-F-56	Approve \$550 to the WWU Swing Kids in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account to put on their winter event. (Passed)
AC-08-F-57	Moves to table this discussion until December 1 st . (Passed)
AC-08-F-58	Approve \$2500 to the WWU Formula SAE in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their tools and toolbox. (Passed)
AC-08-F-59	Approve \$325 to Lead in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their "Leave No Trace Outdoors Workshop." (Passed)
AC-08-F-60	Moves to approve \$200 to Anthropology Club for their garage sale. (Failed)

Kayle Walls, Business Director, called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AC-08-F-49 by Ellermeier

Approval of the minutes of Monday, October 27, 2008.

Second: Smith

Vote: 8 -0 -0

Action: **Passed**

MOTION AC-08-F-50 by Smith

Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 3, 2008 add that Natalie was not present.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 8 -0 -0

Action: **Passed**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Walls stated that most of the basic funding is gone. He noted that this is not a bad thing but it is important to keep this in mind for next year. They are right on track for spending.

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

A. Herb Crafters

Tabled for next week.

B. F.I.L.M

The members want this club to be an extension of the introduction to cinema class. They would like to make movies and have a fun time doing it. Shirley let them know that the equipment they buy with the \$50 basic funding has to stay with the school. The difference between this new club and the already existing Film Club is that the focus will be more on the creation of movies and not the actual watching of movies. They would like to collaborate with the Film club and maybe have them watch their movies.

MOTION AC-08-F-51 by Ellermeier

Recognize Filming Ideas with Limited Material as an official AS Arts and Music Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Action: **Passed**

C. Cribbage Club

This club would serve to gather people together who are interested in cribbage and play cribbage. The club would like to have tournaments. The funding would go towards cribbage boards and other equipment. They have not met yet but they are in the process making a flyer. If the club raises funds then they could purchase trophies or awards but it has to be club generated funds. The \$50 basic funding cannot go towards trophies for club members to keep.

MOTION AC-08-F-52 by Smith

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

Second: Shirley

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Actions: **Passed**

D. Western Students for the Independent Reform

Tabled for next week.

E. Students for Ron Paul

With the recent election for president, this club feels that the name is a little out dated. The new desired name is Students for a New Liberty. They also want to change their club from a Political Club to a Social Issues Club. Hall wondered if they would be specifically endorsing the Libertarian party. They would not but they would like to create a more social community and not one focused around political parties. They also feel that their club involves economics as well as other issues and this is one of the main reasons they would like to be considered a Social Issues Club. Rosenberg noticed that the purpose statement for this club was centered on Ron Paul and that this would have to change as well. They thought they had changed the purpose statement but concluded that it must not have gone through correctly. They plan on updating the purpose statement.

MOTION AC-08-F-53 by Hall

Recognize the club name change of Students for Ron Paul to be changed to Students for a New Liberty and to be considered a Social Issues Club instead of a Political Club with the stipulation that they adjust their mission statement by this coming Friday to exclude the political aspect of Ron Paul's Campaign.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0

Action: **Passed**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Students for Educational Equality (SEE)

Tabled until next week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Students for Sustainable Foods

This club is putting on an outreach education program about what a co-op is and what it would look like on a college campus. The first presentation would be a question and answer session and there will be a talk about the co-op. There would be food at the event as well which will help show the connection of what it would mean to have a Student-Run Co-op to campus. The event is more of a campaign which will take place throughout November. Wallace wondered if the AS could sponsor the campaign. The guest said he spoke with Erik Lowe and he said that the AS could not. If the AS did sponsor it would be as if the AS was taking a stance on this controversial issue. The view of the administration is that they will not have a Student-Run Co-op on campus.

However, it was noted that the educational aspect of the event is something the AS could get behind. The council can loan money for t-shirts but the club would have to raise the money to pay the council back. Then it would show that the AS is not funding the t-shirts but helping the club with their cause. The AC could only loan the money because we cannot endorse their cause. The guest was hesitant about this because he does not want to be in debt. The AC could buy the club a banner to promote the club but it could not be a banner that supports the co-op. Taylor thought that this whole thing was silly and she felt that there are a lot of things the AS supports that not everyone agrees on. Walls stated that this situation is different because it is an issue that the

administration does not support and it would be going against the University. The guest argued that we are the students and this University should support the students and our ideas and interests.

It was wondered why the University does not have a t-shirt screener. The council was trying to figure out if they can pay for the presentation, food cost, and club promoting banners. It was decided that they could do this as long as it did not directly fund the promotion of the Student-Run Co-op. The guest said that food and publicity funding would be wonderful. It was decided that the AS could fund a banner that advertises the event as long as it does not declare or command people to take a specific position. The club wants to educate about sustainability and bring sustainable food to campus. Hall brought up that if the club changed their name to "Students for a Student-Run Co-op" then they could post it on the banner. Also, if the club changed the name of the event to "Students for a Student-Run Co-op" then they could advertise that on the banner. The banner just cannot contain political messages. It was clarified that S&A fees come from tuition. Taylor wondered why the administration that is paid by taxes gets to dictate where student fees go. Rosenberg let the members know that it is not the role of the AS to take a political stance on issues. She also stated that due to the club's non-profit aspirations the school could get in trouble for funding a non-profit organization. Clubs can support political issues, Activities Council cannot.

MOTION AC-08-F-54 by Taylor

Approve \$175 to the Students for Sustainable Foods in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account with the stipulation that it is used for educational purposes and not to endorse the establishment of a student run coop on campus this money will go to cover the cost of food, publicity, and possibly a banner that promotes the club.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 6 – 0 – 2

Actions: **Passed**

B. WARN

This club is looking to put on a Turkey-less Thanksgiving were students and community members can learn about the benefits of a vegetarian diet. They have received \$1000 from Willy Heart. Last year they expected 100 people and 200 came. It is more expensive this year because they are now catering for more people. They advertised the event in the AS Review. They cannot advertise for an event that has not been funded. Their total asking price from the council would be \$3,150. They are charging \$2 per student and around \$4 for non-students. The revenue will go back to the council. Smith wondered about last week's discussion about cost per plate and bumping the charge per person up. Walls stated that the event seems to encourage people who do not normally eat this kind of food to attend the event. He worries that if they raise the price than those people will not come. Rosenberg wondered if there was any way they could cut back on the food. It is about \$15 per plate and the council felt that this seemed high. Walls stated that ESC dinners only total about \$12 per person. The guest was not sure why the food was so expensive. It is not a full meal, mostly samples of a bunch of different foods because there is an educational aspect as well. Shirley noted that

attendance might be effected if they raise the price per person. She argued that someone might not want to pay the same amount of money to try something new that they may not like as it would cost to buy something they know they would like. Taylor wondered why the food was priced so high. Taylor wanted a stipulation to be made for the dining services to let the council know why the food price was so high. Ellermeier noted that she felt the price should be increased to \$4 per student. She argued that the council was being asked for a lot of money and she would feel better about allotting it if the cost per person was higher. The community price would have to be higher, the actual cost per plate could be asked of the community members. It was decided that community members would pay \$8. The price is higher because they are doubling the number of people. The event takes place November 20th.

MOTION AC-08-F-55 by Shirley

Approve \$2200 to WARN in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their Turkey-less thanksgiving with the stipulation that they do not advertise for the event before it takes place, charge \$4 for students and \$8 for general public, and let the council know why the food was so expensive.

Second: Smith

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0

Actions: **Passed**

C. WWU Swing Kids (winter)

Requesting \$550 in the form of an underwrite. Will have instructors, live bands, hosted in the VU they will be spending about a total of \$700 for bands and instructors. Club has \$450 in account and will do fundraising. The money made at the winter event will help them to break even. This event gets students used to a bigger dance than they are accustomed to. The winter dance in the past has lead to the club breaking even. They plan more attendance for this year. They will have about \$400 in their account for their spring event and they plan on fundraising a lot before that dance.

MOTION AC-08-F-56 by Shirley

Approve \$550 to the WWU Swing Kids in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account to put on their winter event.

Second: Wallace

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0

Actions: **Passed**

D. WWU Swing Kids (spring)

The Swing Kids are asking a lot more for this event than they did for their winter dance. They want to draw dancers from Canada and Seattle and invite them to the Bellingham area. The guest made the case that this is a sort of conference for dancers. They will be charging about \$45 for Western Washington University students. It is still largely directed towards Western Washington University students. The cost is so high because they have to go off campus to find a facility that is suitable for the numbers of people. They also are going for non-local bands because there are not many bands in the Bellingham area. Shirley brought up the Travel Policy with regards to the instructors coming up from Seattle and down from Vancouver. Walls let Shirley know that the policy is different for contracted individuals. The guest stated that the club paid all but \$500

back to the council last year. He said that this was not a large amount considering the benefit the community gets. Rosenberg noted that the numbers she had showed that the club did not pay back it's underwrite which means the club received about \$2500 as a subsidy. The guest did not realize that the club did not pay back the underwrite. Last year the club did take unexpected blows in revenue due to another event that happened the same night.

Walls voiced a concern about involving the larger campus community and how it seemed exclusive. Due to the off campus location and the high price per student it seems like it limits a lot of student participation. The guest noted that while the event might seem exclusive the club does a good job all year long getting students involved. The dance itself is only \$10 for students. Non-students are being charged \$55 and non Western Washington University students \$50 for the whole event. They have played around with how much they will charge but they don't want to decrease price because they want to pay back the council. The club would love to offer more of a price break for students but this would effect the amount of money asked from the council. The guest is not sure if the numbers are exactly correct for the bands. The council noted that the band price seemed high in comparison to other groups the AS has brought to campus. He did argue that they are different from a pop singer because they usually have about eight people in one band. This is more people to transport. With regards to the price for the instructors, the guest noted that there are about 18 hours of instruction time and at \$10 an hour for an instructor the numbers make sense. The guest stated that there are no suitable facilities available on campus that would hold this event. They have run into issues with athletic events taking priority. The club has received donations from alumni and will be using this to help fund the event. They have looked at other venues and nothing has worked out. Broadway Hall is the most convenient and inexpensive. Last year the council did not give the club money until February. Walls suggested that the council could do this and the club could look into other prices. Shirley suggested that the club looks more into the community and get some support.

MOTION AC-08-F-57 by *Smith*

Moves to table this discussion until December 1st.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1

Actions: **Passed**

F. WWU Formula SAE

This club is asking for \$2500 in the form of a grant for a toolbox for the team. They have not included the discounts they have received or will receive upon purchase. The toolbox will stick with the school and due to the fact that they are Craftsman tools they have a lifetime warranty.

MOTION AC-08-F-58 by *Shirley*

Approve \$2500 to the WWU Formula SAE in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their tools and toolbox.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 8 – 0 – 0

Actions: **Passed**

Due to the price they will have to shop around to make sure that the amount is the best price. The club was also advised to do the purchase with a purchase order.

Hall and Walls changed places.

G. Lead

The event is called “Leave No Trace Outdoors Workshop” and will take place Friday, November 21st at 8pm. The Club will be working with the Outdoor Center. The event is open to everyone. They found out that the Leave No Trace trainer will not be charging. The club is asking for a total of \$325 spread across food, publicity, and event services. The club is not doing publicity through publicity center but might be using copy services. The poster design is going to be done by a graphic design student. The AS logo and other logos will still be included.

MOTION AC-08-F-59 by Smith

Approve \$325 to Lead in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their “Leave No Trace Outdoors Workshop.”

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 7 – 0 – 1

Actions: **Passed**

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. Anthropology Club

It sounded to the council like the club was trying to get items donated and then sell them. This is not allowed according to policy. Rosenberg let the club know that they could maybe distribute bumper stickers for free but should not be selling these on Vender’s Row. There are only two paid raffles permitted on campus per year due Washington State gambling laws to and they are usually bigger events. The club does not state a specific fundraiser and the council does not know what the money is going towards.

MOTION AC-08-F-60 by Smith

Moves to approve \$200 to Anthropology Club for their garage sale.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 0 – 7 – 1

Actions: **Failed**

VIII. Other Business

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:48 P.M.