

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

Monday, November 24, 2008

VU 567

Present: Matt Jarrell, Kayle Walls, Steve Reno, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Courtney Taylor, Brad Pederson, Kendra Shirley, Aaron Garcia
Absent: Nate Wallace, Brittany Smith, Natalie Green
Advisor(s): Lisa Rosenberg, Kira Freed
Secretary: Meghan Sweeney
Guest(s): Kim Kirkpatrick (Leroy Jenkins Society), Lisa McAvery, Kayla Henson, (Herb Crafters), Adi Kletter, Avira Bienn, Shoham Goldberg (Vikings Community for Israel Awareness), Jason Clopper, Sarah Worley (International Affairs Association), Paul Israel (WWU Metal & Hardcore Club), Mark Malijan (NPPA Western Chapter)

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-71	Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 17, 2008 (Passed)
AC-08-F-72	Recognize Vikings Community for Israel Awareness as an official AS Political Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-73	Recognize National Press Photographers Association Western Chapter as an official AS Academic/Departmental Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-74	Approve WWU Metal & Hardcore Club for \$2,350 in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their Akimbo Concert. (Passed)
AC-08-F-74	Moves to approve \$200 to Jeopardy Magazine for their Rockin' Reading and Silent Auction. (Passed)
AC-08-F-76	Moves to suspend bylaws and make Herb Crafters an Action Item for this week. (Passed)
AC-08-F-77	Moves to approve \$350 in the form of a grant out of the grants, loans, and underwrites account to Herb Crafters for their "Tis the Season to be Crafty" event. (Passed)

Matt Jarrell, AS VP of Activities, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION AC-08-F-71 by Garcia

Approval of the minutes of Monday, November 17, 2008.

Second: Hall

Vote: 7 -0 -2

Action: **Passed**

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Information Item A, Students for Educational Equality, is taken off. Herb Crafters will be moved to Other Business.

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Walls passed out the business reports and stated that the Council is right on track and has spent about one third of the years funding. He still thinks that it is odd that they have not had an academic conference request yet.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION (Basic Funding if Indicated)

A. Western Students for the Independent Reform

Tabled for next week

B. Hype Theories Most Wanted

Tabled for next week

C. Vikings Community for Israel Awareness

This club will cultivate a fair-base cultural understanding of issues going on in the Middle East. They plan to focus on the Palestinian-Israeli situation in the Middle East. They would also like to go over governmental systems in Israel, upcoming Israeli elections, the different cultures in Israel, and would like to bring in guest speakers which would be decided on by the group. They would like to have Middle Eastern cultural awareness parties with all discussion aside. These parties would serve to bring different cultures in the Middle East together. The club would like to have a website that covers all the issues they are passionate about. It was asked if the name would exclude or turn people away from joining this group even though it is the politically recognized name. They have no desire to change the name of the group and thought that through discussion, they would be able to handle differences that people have. Jarrell wanted to know how they were going to differentiate from a cultural and political club. The guest stated that the main aspect of the club is to have discussion about politics so therefore it is intended to be a political club. The activities are more cultural but they are not the main focus of the club. The activities will serve as a time for the group to come together and enjoy themselves away from the political discussion; it is more team building than anything else.

***MOTION AC-08-F-72* by Walls**

Recognize Vikings Community for Israel Awareness as an official AS Political Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Garcia

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Actions: **Passed**

D. National Press Photographers Association Western Chapter

This club focuses on photo journalism, visual media, videography, and is a nationally recognized organization. The WWU chapter is recognized by the national organization. They were a club last year. They focus on anything that is visual and has to do with journalism. The journalism department just got a new major, visual journalism. This club would be a means for students to expand their passions in visual journalism. They have had good turn out so far. They have a Facebook group and they do photography for the AS, Western Front, and the Alumni Magazine. They have done workshops on lighting and have had professionals come in to work with them. There is already a photography club but it is more centered around photography in general and is more art based. These clubs are totally different mediums.

***MOTION AC-08-F-73* by Reno**

Recognize National Press Photographers Association Western Chapter as an official AS Academic/Departmental Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Actions: **Passed**

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Leroy Jenkins Society

This club will be having a Bellingham Game Fest on January 24th to the 25th in the MPR. It is basically a computer party where they will invite all students who are interested in gaming to come and play video games in one room. They are going to have this program for WWU students to relax, enjoy themselves, get them out of their rooms and meet more people who like to play video games too. This event will also serve to provide information and resources for gaming in the Bellingham community such as Game Connect. Game Connect will also be providing the club computers for the students to rent. Reset Games will be sponsoring part of the event as well. They will attempt to make money off of this event and donate it to Child's Play. This organization donates games for children in hospitals to play.

They have budgeted \$350 for soda because they could not get a deal from Pepsi. This is a maximum amount and it is based on attendance. They are estimating five sodas per person. One of their attendance booster is free pizza and soda because students have to pay to get into to the event. Shirley noted that she saw advertisements for this event at the beginning of the year. The guest noted that this was through an outside organization. They are co sponsoring with Super Smash Brothers and Oni-Mode. Garcia asked about publicity strategies. The guest noted that they will have large banners advertised in Red Square, flyers for campus as well as the surrounding community, and they were thinking of doing their publicity through the Publicity Center. It was clarified that the students are not going to pay for the raffle tickets and they are not going to call it a raffle at the event. For the running computers it is \$30, bringing your own computers is \$25, and the consol is \$15. If people pre pay then they get \$5 off, and students also get five dollars off with ID. The guest talked with Casey Hayden about the benefit aspect of the event. It was explained that the club could ask for money in the form of a loan or as an underwrite. Will be an action item for next week.

B. Surf Rider Foundation Bellingham Chapter

Cold Snap benefit concert will be put on by the AS surf rider foundation with the local Northwest Straits Chapter of the foundation. They would like to bring awareness of poor water quality, pollution, conservation, and the need for biodiversity. The money would go towards funding activities such as the Blue Water Task Force, which involves monthly testing of water samples. They would also like to bring awareness about plastic bottles, bags, and other product use. They are asking for \$426 from the AS just to be safe. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$7 for non students. 50% will go towards the Northwest Straits Chapter to develop a system of transportation to Mt. Baker. They would like to have a bus run off of bio-diesel which would be good for the environment, carpooling, and safer. The other 50% would stay with the club which they will put towards growing and developing their club and its purpose. They are having bands come to the event; Sweet Beats, a band from Port Townsend, and a band from BC, as well as another local band. The club, as of now, is not going to pay the bands and is hoping that they will call volunteer their time and talent. They hope to have some money left over to supplement gas for the bands as a "thank you." Their publicity strategies

include posters which would advertise the bands and place them strategically around the campus and the larger community. They also have ties to a local snowboarding magazine which is willing to give them a free advertisement. They are also looking into the Western Front. They were thinking of having the Publicity Center do the design. Garcia encouraged the group to become creative with their publicity. Will be an action item for next week.

C. IAA Model United Nations

Their last conference went very well. They won an award at the delegation and had about fifteen people who had never been to a conference before. University of BC is putting on a conference which brings schools from Washington, Oregon, as well as other cities in Canada. It is one of the highest quality conferences for the club to go to. They get more access to higher profile countries each time they go. There will be a total of 13 delegates, and the club is asking for \$1,300 to pay for hotel costs. They will be there for 3 nights and they will be staying in two rooms. All of the people who are going to this conference went to the last conference. About half of these people are new members. They made the decision on who was to attend based on merit, commitment, enthusiasm, and other professional qualities. They are looking into holding a one day conference on campus to share what they learned. They did not spend \$300 from the last conference and this money will come right back to the AS. They have an event scheduled for late January that will bring in a lot of money for them. They are also exploring other options for financial assistance. Will be an action item for next week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. WWU Metal & Hardcore Club

This club is setting up a concert for January 29th and the guest has a new band, Black Eyes & Neckties. This will add about \$500 to the cost but it means that more people will show up. Kugs would like to do an interview with the band and the guest has a lot of sources for promotion. The VU event services will cost about \$700 but there is a potential that the guest will be able to split the cost with another group. Jarrell wanted to know if the guest would be willing to ask for a loan and the guest was not sure about this. The guest is asking for \$2,350. Shirley wondered if he could get a co-sponsor with a different club that will help him out more. The guest said that this really was not an option because the only other group that could help, Loa, was already putting on a concert.

MOTION AC-08-F-74 by Garcia

Approve WWU Metal & Hardcore Club for \$2,350 in form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account for their Akimbo Concert.

Second: Taylor

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Action: **Passed**

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

A. Jeopardy Magazine

This club is holding a silent auction, poetry reading, and music night to help cover production and printing costs for Jeopardy. Their services are free to students. They did not include an amount so the council has to decide one for them. It is expected that anywhere from \$100 to \$200 would be a reasonable amount.

MOTION AC-08-F-75 by Garcia

Moves to approve \$200 to Jeopardy Magazine for their Rockin' Reading and Silent Auction.

Second: Reno

Vote: 9 – 0 –0

Actions: **Passed**

VIII. Other Business

A. Herb Crafters

Their event is December 3rd and it is required for the requests to be in 3 weeks prior to the event. This club was just recognized last week so they were not able to get the forms in earlier. It was brought up that they could use their basic funding to pay for their event on the third. The purpose of the club is to spread awareness of the benefits of herbs. They were not planning on asking for money for the 10th and 11th but are asking for \$350 for the 3rd. They want their products to be sold at a low price for students so that they can easily benefit from these herbs.

MOTION AC-08-F-76 by Taylor

Moves to suspend bylaws and make Herb Crafters an Action Item for this week.

Second: Walls

Vote: 7 – 1 –1

Actions: **Passed**

The club members passed around herbal remedies and explained the benefits and process of making the herbal products. It was noted that a lot of what they use for their products were gathered from the Outback herb garden. They will be making these products before December 3rd and then giving information on the third. They feel very strongly about warning labels, ingredient lists, and benefits on the products. Shirley brought up the idea of putting the recycle logo on the label of the jars and Jarrell noted that he thought that the AS logo would also look good on the label. There was discussion about the many ways they could increase sustainability. Rosenberg noted that the AC could discuss whether or not they want to grant money as an underwrite. The club is hoping to break even and have enough later to purchase other herbs and items. Taylor noted that she thought a grant made sense and Walls agreed and thought that this would encourage the clubs growth. Garcia wanted to know what the club was fundraising for. Walls noted that it seems to be education directed and that they might bring a speaker to come to campus. They thought about bringing local herbalists in to teach students.

MOTION AC-08-F-77 by Walls

Moves to approve \$350 in the form of a grant out of the grants, loans, and underwrites account to Herb Crafters for their "Tis the Season to be Crafty" event.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 7 – 0 –2

Actions: **Passed**

B. The request form deadline for the last Activities Council meeting on December 3rd will be set for Tuesday, November 25th at noon instead of the usual Wednesday at 5pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

C. Jarrell finished drafting the different evaluation forms for both programs and conferences. The members were asked to read over it during break and the council will vote on it next week.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:18 P.M.