

Western Washington University Associated Students Activities Council Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2008 VU 567

- Present:** Matt Jarrell, Steve Reno, Casey Hall, Anna Ellermeier, Courtney Taylor, Brad Pederson, Nate Wallace, Kayle Walls, Brittany Smith, Kendra Shirley
- Absent:** Aaron Garcia, Natalie Green
- Advisor(s):** Lisa Rosenberg , Kira Freed
- Secretary:** Meghan Sweeney
- Guest(s):** Jason Graham (Alternative Careers Club), Erin Kelly (Formula SAE), Todd Hunt (WARN). Mari Rueter (Swing Kids), Benjamin Foche (Critical Failure), Beatrix Kay (Western Writers Guild), Elizabeth Matthews (Oni-Mode: DDR Club), Dominique Sagiao, Chris Bonja (Polynesian Club)

MOTIONS

AC-08-F-43	Recognize Alternative Careers Club as an official AS Social Issues Club without \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-44	Recognize Role Playing the Critical Failure as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-45	Recognize Polynesian Club as an official AS Cultural/Ethnic Club with \$50 basic funding. (Passed)
AC-08-F-46	Approve Western Writers Guild to change their name to Western Washington University Institute of Literary Sciences. (Passed)
AC-08-F-47	Moves to approves \$35 to the Oni-Mode: DDR Club in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account with the stipulation that they do something with the money for advertisement. (Passed)
AC-08-F-48	Approve \$75 to the Japanese Conversation Club in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account. (Passed)

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled until next week.

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

No revisions to the agenda

III. BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The council has put in the last of its club renewals for the year. The council has recognized about 126 or 132 clubs and with the basic funding they would only be able to recognize 34 more clubs with the budget given. Walls suggested that this might be because this year the council had a club kick off in spring quarter and clubs were able to renew earlier and the leadership was able to be passed on. Walls stated that it would be like the council would only be recognizing about two clubs every meeting for the rest of the year. As past meetings have shown, the council gets about five clubs who want to be recognized. Walls doesn't think that the council should have to worry because in the past the council has just decreased the basic funding for clubs who request in the spring.

IV. CLUB RECOGNITION (Basic Funding if Indicated)

A. Alternative Careers Club

This club focuses on helping students find careers pathways that are not well known. Such careers include government sector positions and private contractors that work with the US government within the country or overseas. They are looking to keep it simple and just getting the word out there. The club is not asking for \$50 basic funding and wants to keep the club basic and simple. They are just looking to be recognized.

MOTION AC-08-F-43 by Steve

Recognize Alternative Careers Club as an official AS Social Issues Club without \$50 basic funding.

Second: Shirley

Vote: 10-0 -0

Action: **Passed**

B. Role Playing the Critical Failure

The clubs serves as a way for people to find role playing groups on campus, organize the groups, and mostly focus on live action role playing groups. There was a group on campus before and it died out a few years ago. They are trying to bring it back with a new name and mainly focus on live action. Shirley noted that she did a live action role playing club and wanted to let them know that they cannot have any baffing materials because they are considered weapons. She also wanted to let them know that if they buy items with the basic funding then it is school property and it has to stay with the school. Ellermeier wanted to make sure that they were not being selective because in their request they stated "everyone" supplies. The guest clarified that it meant that the equipment would be general use and people would share if someone forgot. The old club had not turned in the paperwork to renew the club. No one who was still meeting for the club was told that they were not an official club so the guest wants to safety blanket these people and make sure that there is an official club for them to be apart of.

MOTION AC-08-F-44 by Ellermeier

Recognize Role Playing the Critical Failure as an official AS Special Interest Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Reno

Vote: 10 -0 -0

Action: **Passed**

C. Polynesian Club

This club wants to gather Polynesians on campus and others who are interested in the Polynesian culture. The club is all inclusive. Even though they are an ethic/cultural club they have to come to the AC before getting recognized by the ESC. The will be going to the ESC. They are different from HOH and Fasa other similar clubs because they are strictly Polynesian and this allows a broader spectrum. However, this club would like to collaborate with these clubs.

MOTION AC-08-F-45 by Reno

Recognize Polynesian Club as an official AS Cultural/Ethnic Club with \$50 basic funding.

Second: Hall

Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **Passed**

D. Western Writers Guild

Western Writers Guild wants to change their name to Institute of Literary Sciences. They are an all inclusive club yet they specifically target for non majors to practice writing. The reason for this is because there were a lot of outlets for majors to write but very few for non

major so practice. It was noticed that people seemed to be more interested in the theory of literary studies and this is the reason why this club would like to change their name.

MOTION AC-08-F-46 by *Smith*

Approve Western Writers Guild to change their name to Western Washington University Institute of Literary Sciences.

Second: Ellermeier

Vote: 10 -0 -0

Action: **Passed**

E. Students for Ron Paul

Tabled for next week due to lack of representation.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Students for Sustainable Foods

This club would like to start an outreach campaign trying to get a student run food cooperative on campus. The money would go towards posters, pamphlets, t-shirts and other merchandise. They need help funding this event. They are also forming a nonprofit organization. They are pretty close to having a student run co-op on campus and are hoping to have it hear by next fall. To get on campus they have to deal with a lot of contracts and have already dealt with opposition from the administration. They have been trying to get businesses in the community to help them and generate awareness of their cause. In order to get their goal achieved they need a lot of planning and financial support. They would not get the money for another three weeks but this won't really affect their plans. They were thinking of pushing back the t-shirts anyway because they are trying to get all of their sponsors on the back of the shirts. The t-shirts will be about \$2, and this money will help them pay for the cost of getting the t-shirts. The AC cannot contribute money out of club account to go towards a nonprofit organization. They are aware of this and are trying to look in a holistic way. Rosenberg noted that she and the guest will have to talk. Ellermeier wanted to know if the AS wanted to sponsor their shirts and get the logo printed on them. Jarrell noted that he will discuss with Erik Lowe about this matter. They are planning to have a press conference and will need to make posters, pamphlets, and other publicity which was listed as \$50. Will be action item next week.

B. Oni-Mode: DDR Club

The club would like to purchase DDR pad modifiers which modify the pads and make them feel more like the arcade pads. This has been a frequent complaint by members of the club because they cannot feel what place they are stepping on. These pad make the center and the non-arrow parts are raised you can feel with your feet where you are stepping. They are asking for \$9.69 in the form of a grant. The guest noted that the price changed and was thinking about rounding the request up to \$10 just incase. They have about 10 to 20 members on a regular basis. There was discussion about taxes as well as increasing publicity for this club. The members of the council considered increasing the amount to allow for more publicity as well as paying for the shipping and handling for the modifiers.

MOTION AC-08-F-47 by *Shirley*

Moves to approves \$35 to the Oni-Mode: DDR Club in the form of a grant out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account with the stipulation that they do something with the money for advertisement.

Second: Smith

Vote: 10- 0-0

Actions: **Passed**

C. WARN

WARN is requesting \$4150 in the form of an underwrite to fund their "Turkey-less" Thanksgiving. This event brings the campus community together to enjoy good vegetarian food in good company and learn about the benefits of vegetarianism. They will be paying back the Council with their basic funding and with the money that they will make at the event. They have gone through the dining hall before and are doing it again. Rosenberg stated that since this is a sustainable food program, last year the dining hall ended up donating a large sum of money. The event cost about \$2000 last year and the AC members were wondering why it was double this year. It was concluded that this is a gross estimate so that the club could get the ball rolling and leave room for some cost increases. The club does advertise downtown because the event is for the general community. Hall suggested that the club considers charging a non-student fee. Walls explained that the amount of money that AC gives the club would have to be relative to the price per plate and how much each general public person would have to pay. This does not include what Willy Heart might donate. Since people cycle through this event, the room they chose to have the event in will be fine. Will be an action item next week.

D. WWU Swing Kids (winter)

Swing Kids throws a dance every quarter. They are asking for \$550 underwrite which would include decorations, publicity, security, and then bands and instructors. The club is putting in about \$450 because they made pretty good money from their fall dance. Their typical funding for their dances is from their past dances. The bands went from \$500 to \$700, this was the only big change in their budget. This brings the total funding to about \$1000 but they are putting in the rest. Swing Kids did pay back the full amount from their Fall Fling. The dance cost about \$5 and they have not figured out the prices for the workshop quite yet. Usually it is \$15 for all three and they get into the dance for free. Community members will have to be charged more than students. This will be an action item for next week.

E. WWU Swing Kids (spring)

The spring event typically takes a little bit more money. The club is asking for \$6100 as an underwrite. This covers the facility, bands, instructors, decorations, food, advertising, transportation, and security. The event takes place for three days starting Friday night and ending Sunday afternoon. There are workshops for two days and two dances. They typically have at least one band from out of town and usually a local band. They also have instructors come in from Seattle and even Canada. They have used Broadway Hall in the past and will be using it again this year. They are looking into a lot of fundraising. This is one of the reasons that they are throwing a winter dance in order to get money. Attendance last year was low and the AC is concerned that this will happen again. They have 150-175 estimated attendance. They are hoping to get this many people. More Western Washington University students turn out than out of city students. They target and focus a lot on getting out of town students so that they can bring people to Bellingham. Yet, the event is also heavily targeted towards Western Washington University students. The guest got involved in Swing Kids through her roommate and loved it so she has continued. Since the venue is off campus Jarrell noted that it is great that they are getting a jump start. They are charging a little more this year but want to keep it affordable. They are thinking about \$50 and it was suggested that they increase cost for out of town students and keep it around \$35 for WWU students. They were told that the hall cost was about \$1000 and recently it went up. The organizations contribution is an estimate of what they will make from their winter dance. This will be an action item for next week.

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F. Japanese Conversation Club

Asking for \$75 in the form of an underwrite to cover the clubs copying needs for the whole year. Most of their expenses are copying expenses. The club just had a Halloween event and it was noted that the pumpkins turned out really well and the event went well overall.

MOTION AC-08-F-48 by Shirley

Approve \$75 to the Japanese Conversation Club in the form of an underwrite out of the Grants, Loans, and Underwrites account.

Second: Reno

Vote: 9- 0-0

Actions: **Passed**

G. WWU Formula SAE

WWU Formula SAE is requesting \$2500 for tools and toolbox. They have been using student tools and there is a disadvantage to this because when the students leave the tools also leave. There are three teams and the hope is that each team will eventually have their own tools and tool box. Each team needs the equipment and there will be accountability for each member of the team. It has not been finalized how exactly they will go about holding every student and team member accountable. They are asking for more money than the Viking Baja Cars Club because their cars are more technologically advanced and need more and different tools. Jarrell said that this club provided an itemized list of all of the tools and will give each member the list but did not print them off due to conservation of paper.

It was noted that this club is looking into different avenues for receiving discounts on the tools. There is a member that worked at Sears and it was mentioned that he could get the employee discount. Sears sells Craftsman tools which have lifetime warranty. They club puts forth a lot of fundraising and they have a lot of community sponsors. They have had a sizeable donation this year already. Most of the vehicles are built on campus which results in the club not having to spend money to transport parts and assemble elsewhere. This has gotten them recognition. They get some donations in materials instead of money. They have a foundation account as does each of the teams. Their car last year took them about \$80,000 to build and they will reuse some parts for this year's car. Rosenberg asked how the club will handle check out of the tools. The club had not decided quite yet but noted that they would definitely take inventory of the boxes after each project and hold the members financially accountable if anything was missing. The tool box and the tools will be engraved as well. The AS is sponsoring the team. This will be an action item for next week.

H. MGMT 482

The club members are challenged to put on a social change project involving something related to an organization and try to do something to benefit the campus community while improving the quality of the environment. The event is a "Leave No Trace" workshop which encompasses a two hour presentation by a speaker from the American Alpine Institute. This event will be centered on teaching students to respect and sustain the outdoors while enjoying them to the fullest. At the moment the club has no money because REI, who was originally going to sponsor the event, has not responded with a definite "yes." The guest decided to get on board to request funding just in case REI did not come through. They are estimating that it will only cost \$175. Outreach might help them put the event on. The guest noted that he will know by next Monday how much they will actually need. Rosenberg noted that if there is a component that benefits the wider campus community then we can use S&A fees to fund them. This will be an action item next week.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

VII. BOOKSTORE DONATION REQUEST

VIII. Other Business

Jarrell received a letter from the Students for Disability Awareness thanking the AC for funding their birthday extravaganza. The letter was read by Jarrell to the Council. Jarrell will be absent next week and Walls will be taking over

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:05 P.M.