

TO: Dr. Ellen Rosenberg
FROM: Ursula A. Gleissner, President, SGA
RE: W.C.L.G.A.
DATE: September 23, 1991

In response to your request for information concerning the W.C.L.G.A., of which you are advisor to, The Student Government Association of Western Connecticut State University hereby grants the information you have requested.

First, the co-presidents, Scott Pidgeon and Allison M. Dudo, of the W.C.L.G.A. were requested to meet with representatives of the W.C.S.U. S.G.A. for an informal discussion with regards to the constitution, by-laws, and general resolutions of the S.G.A. and the W.C.L.G.A..

During this meeting the S.G.A. was represented by the following individuals:

Miss Ursula Gleissner, President
Miss Eliza Delena, Vice-President
Mr. Sheldon Watson, Justice
Mr. Bill Hackbarth, Justice

Of concern to the S.G.A. were certain posters that the W.C.L.G.A. had posted around campus. The S.G.A. requested information concerning these posters in question and stated that we were concerned with the possibility of political actions by the W.C.L.G.A. which would be a violation of their member status in the S.G.A..

The representatives of the W.C.L.G.A. and of the S.G.A. discussed at length both organizations concerns. The S.G.A. Justices made a few suggestions to help the W.C.L.G.A.'s constitution to be more functional to everyday use; one such suggestion was special appointments and elections.

When the question as to the political activeness of the W.C.L.G.A. came up the S.G.A. stated that if the W.C.L.G.A. did become political they would not be able to receive funds. At this point the representatives of the W.C.L.G.A. stated that they would rather not receive funds and would thereby go to "recognized" status within the S.G.A. than have to discuss their political implications with the S.G.A.

The S.G.A. representatives made it very clear that this was not our intention, but that we must be fiscally responsible and adhere to our own constitution which prohibits making politically active clubs "member" clubs. The S.G.A. stated that if the W.C.L.G.A. did not get politically active they could continue to receive funding.

The W.C.L.G.A. representatives declined the offer made by the S.G.A. and stated they would still rather go to a "recognized" status. At this point the S.G.A. Justices told the W.C.L.G.A. representatives that they would be more than happy to help the W.C.L.G.A. out with any revisions in their constitution that the W.C.L.G.A. wished to make.

Around this time the meeting ended and it was the S.G.A.'s view that there were no problems with the decision made by the W.C.L.G.A. concerning their status. To further alleviate any S.G.A. concerns we soon noticed that the W.C.L.G.A. had signed up to meet with the Rules Committee to make changes to their constitution.

We are therefore enclosing copies of the flyer the S.G.A. had concern about, which the W.C.L.G.A. had explained to the S.G.A. and alleviated our concerns over it. Also enclosed is a copy of the W.C.L.G.A.'s constitution with concerned area's highlighted. If you have further questions please feel free to contact the S.G.A. representatives at the S.G.A. office (797-4463 or 797-4279).

To: WCLGA
From: SGA Rules Committee
Re: October 2, 1991 Rules Committee Meeting
Date: October 8, 1991

This memo is to inform you that the Rules Committee has reached a decision over the questioning of your member status. The WCLGA will be eligible for funding over the course of the 1991-92 academic year. The SGA formally apologizes for the delay in this decision and the confusion that resulted.

The SGA will be spending this semester revising and improving many of the guidelines for our decision making process pertaining to all clubs on campus. Let us remind you that the WCLGA is one of several clubs whose constitution has fallen under question. The WCLGA can be assured that the SGA holds no intentions of discriminating against any single club based on age, sex, religion, race, or sexual orientation.

Again, we apologize for the confusion and delay as the SGA works to develop a more effective and efficient system.

cc: Dr. Ellen Rosenberg