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Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 18, 2013

- I. **Meeting is called to order at 7:05pm**
 - a. Moment of Silence observed – Keep Taylor Chin Class of 2011, Fellow Poet who was the editor of the QC in thoughts

- II. **Inspirational Quote**
 - a. “Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts.” –Edward R. Murrow
 - b. Read by Mr. Alioto

- III. **Mission Statement**
 - a. The ASWC Senate, as the governing body of the Associated Students of Whittier College, is dedicated to the betterment of the college as an institution and as a member of the broader community. The Senate shall assist on-campus clubs and organizations in creating, promoting and implementing dynamic programs and events that involve students and add value to their educational experience. This body will act as an open forum for students to voice their opinions and desires, always keeping the best interests of the ASWC in mind. In all of its actions, the Senate will serve the students first with integrity, dedication, responsibility and humility.
 - b. Read by Mr. Xiong

- IV. **Roll Call- Ms. Esquer**
 - a. **Present:** Mr. D. Raygoza, Mr. P. Norton, Mr. R. Oliver, Mr. G. Carlson, Ms. M.Garcia, Ms. G. Garcia, Ms. D. Solis, Ms. B. Vargas, Mr. M. Baron, Ms. D. Martinez, Mr. A. Xiong, Mr. J. Alioto, Ms. B. Mendoza, Ms. Reyes, Mr. M. Cruz, Mr. W. Sanchez
 - b. **Absent:** Mr. T. Van Dyke (excused), Ms. Tadesse (excused)

- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Mr. Sanchez approved at 7:08pm

- VI. **President’s Message- Mr. Raygoza**
 - a. **Special Guest - President Sharon Herzberger (SH)**
 - b. Presented the Whittier College Positioning Plan for 2015

- c. WC will be undertaking a series of plans and processes making sure the College thrives in the future
- d. The plan is built on the basis of Whittier's strengths:
 - i. Quaker heritage- started 125 years ago,
 - ii. Any discipline can be taught as a liberal art
 - iii. Innovative faculty who engage in cross disciplinary work
 - iv. Diversity is a strength, one of the most important educational benefits
 - v. Location is an incredible strength
- e. **There are a few goals / projects:**
 - i. Learning center institution, faculty committed to teaching
 - ii. Continue to spread our reputation
 - iii. Work on our business model, keep costs down (energy, health insurance continues to rise) looking to other ways of drawing in revenue other than tuition
 - iv. Improve physical environment, impact on high impact practices (first year program, writing seminars, internships, study abroad), experience at least two of these practices, communicating and helping every student achieve highest aspirations, prepared for many opportunities→studying through career planning and internship office as well as each department
 - v. add to our diversity by bringing more students from other areas of the world, will be working and living with people from all over the world, networking you can learn from people of different countries (building international recruitment)
 - vi. working on new website to boost reputation (students interning on this project) should shift by the end of April
 - vii. completed campus master plan, the largest of these completions but most important, renovate Stauffer, start fundraising \$45,000,000 (largest fundraising)
 - viii. keep updating, renovating all classrooms, presenting plan this weekend
 - ix. build another residents hall apartment style, open for upper class students with own kitchens, open fall of 2015
 - x. landscape plan- create more of an identity for campus landscaping, narrow down the range that we have, know the difference between campus and non-campus, sustainability, lots of little patches of grass can take water chemicals and have to be mowed regularly, lift up and put in more native and Mediterranean, eliminate money for landscapers, add beauty to campus
- f. Questions/Comments?:

- i. Mr. Baron- What's the first project to be worked out / priority?
 - 1. SH - All of these are in progress as we speak
 - 2. SH - Faculty committee hope to have a proposal sometime this winter
 - 3. SH - Landscape master plan will be presented to board, start picking up projects
 - ii. Mr. Baron- How will you keep costs down?
 - 1. SH - May be opportunities to partner, will be mindful of that
 - iii. Dean Jeannie Ortiz (Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students) - Improvements in student lounge of campus center can be an area where ASWC can partner with the administration
 - 1. Mr. Carlson expressed support for the re-do of the lounge to make it more open and commuter friendly
 - iv. Ms. Mendoza - Do you expect to get more students?
 - 1. SH – The intent is to keep enrollment at 1600
 - 2. SH – There is a possibility of adding some graduate programs, 3/2 or 4/1 opportunities
 - v. Ms. Mendoza - Can we get rid of the chalk boards?
 - 1. SH- There are conversations around implementing SMART boards
 - vi. Ms. Solis - What master programs are you planning on implementing?
 - 1. SH – The faculty are looking at the potential of a Masters in Nutrition, Masters in Management and Organizational Leadership, masters in Writing (Screenwriting, Creative Writing)
 - vii. Ms. Garcia – Can we get an Athletic Training program?
 - 1. SH – This has been considered however there is unfortunately no faculty with this expertise currently
- g. Mr. Raygoza - We now have “PODS” for the Senate table. Each senator is assigned an Executive Board Members who check-ins with the Senators on a regular basis.

VII. Treasurer's Report- Mr. Carlson

ASWC ACCOUNTS

Executive Budget Balance: \$ 3,648.24 est
Reserve Account Balance: \$ 65,000.00 est

Total Funds Allocated: \$ 36,359.40 est

TOTAL ASWC FUNDS:

• *General Fund:* \$ 32,026.25 est
• *Low Budget Events Fund:* \$ 7,716.11 est

Total Requests Pending:

• *First Readings Pending:* \$ 3,069.94
• *Second Readings Pending:* \$26,071.36
• *Future Readings Pending:* \$0.00

RELATED ACCOUNTS

Program Board Account: \$31,005.00 est.

Media Council Account: \$66,780.00 est.

VIII. Constituent Reports

- a. Ms. Garcia (Freshman Class Council)
 - i. Last Tuesday met with Area Coordinator Joe Melendez to start working on a Constitution
 - ii. A new secretary for FCC will be elected this week
- b. Ms. Solis (Freshman Class Council)
 - i. Working on how to get freshmen more involved: put flyers about Program Board all over Johnson and Stauffer, host an ice cream social to get freshmen more aware of the clubs on campus

- ii. Elections will be held Monday, February 18th and Tuesday, February 19th to fill Freshman Class Council secretary position
- c. Ms. Vargas (Off Campus Rep)
 - i. Nothing new to report
- d. Mr. Baron (Student Body Rep)
 - i. Nothing new to report
- e. Ms. Martinez (Ball/Wardman Rep)
 - i. Plans to get new senators involved once elections results are posted
- f. Mr. Xiong (Turner Rep)
 - i. Nothing new to report
- g. Mr. Van Dyke (Turner Rep)
 - i. Nothing new to report
- h. Ms. Mendoza (Inter-Club Council)
 - i. Meeting every other Tuesday at 12:30pm in Diehl 104
 - ii. Kerry Klima (Assistant Director for LEAP) will go over Inter-Club Council info tomorrow at our meeting
- i. Mr. Tejada (Media Council)
 - i. Media Council meetings are every Tuesday at 4:30pm in the Video Production Studios (VPS) located on the 1st floor of the library
- j. Mr. Cruz (ISC Rep)
 - i. "Be Aware" signs are posted for Diverse Identities Month
 - ii. A Hunger Banquet is being planned to raise awareness about hunger
 - iii. The Diverse Identities Month calendar will be out next week
- k. Ms. Reyes (SAAC Rep)
 - i. Created a buddy system to get more people to attend sports games
 - ii. Had a Pink Out and Pac the GAC
 - iii. Hosting new NCAA President tomorrow
 - iv. Ms. Reyes was elected to be Vice President for SAAC

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Mr. Norton
 - i. Working on the spirit of the constitution to reflect transparency, create an amendment involving the funding of student DJs
 - ii. Will also be looking at editing the election code soon
- b. Budget- Mr. Carlton
 - i. Committee meetings will be on Mondays at 4:30pm in the Senate Office
 - ii. Please be mindful of your spending or else the budget will be tight this year

- c. Campus Relations- Mr. Oliver
 - 1. Committee met to set goals, make a newsletter that's just senate related similar to the Installments, general outlook on what senate has funded and the outcome of forums, senate shirts to promote ASWC Senate, ASWC Senate banner to hang outside Villalobos on Mondays so Poets know where they can come to voice their opinions
 - ii. Considering a different design for the Senate logo that includes the Whittier College name or arches for prominently
- d. Elections- Ms. Esquer
 - i. Voting is taking place today and tomorrow on Moodle.
 - ii. I will be outside the CI tomorrow from 11am-12:30pm with iPads to make it more convenient for people to vote!
 - iii. The following positions are available to run for:
 - 3 student Body Reps
 - 1 Male SAAC Rep
 - 1 Harris Rep
 - 1 Ball/Wardman Rep
 - 1 Commuter Rep
 - 1 Freshman Class Secretary
- e. Program Board - Ms. Garcia
 - i. First meeting was today and we had a good turnout
 - ii. New positions are available like marketing director
 - iii. Lumies tickets are being sold now at breakfast and lunch (Wednesday and Friday) next week tickets will be sold at lunch AND dinner for \$25. Tickets include bus transportation, Wolfgang Puck catered appetizers and desserts, and entertainer Cas Haley from America's Got Talent
 - iv. Bringing Snow Jams back this year, contact Noah Salvi if you are interested in helping plan the event set to occur during Family Weekend on Sunday, April 14th
- f. Advocacy- Mr. Alioto
 - i. Continuing work on Students Bill of Rights
 - ii. Meetings are every Tuesday at 6pm in the Senate Office
- g. Culinary- Ms. Esquer
 - i. Meeting at 5pm Thursday, February 21st in The Spot
- h. Environmental- Mr. Van Dyke
 - i. Meeting at 6:15 every Monday in the Senate Office
 - ii. Meeting with Dean Ortiz about bike racks

- i. Student Feedback- Ms. Solis
 - i. Meeting at 5pm every Monday in the Senate Office
 - ii. All reps sent pictures to the chair of where they want to put their dorm's comment box, they will then pass that on to the Area Coordinator which will pass it on to facilities
 - iii. Forum outside the CI soon with reps asking poets personally what they think about different concerns
 - iv. Discuss comments and how to help out the school

- X. **Public Voice** (This is the portion of the meeting for anyone who is not on the table to address any questions, comments, or concerns)
 - a. No one present

- XI. **First Readings**
 - a. **Heavy Speed Bags by Whittier Athletic Center**
 - i. Requested amount: \$269.94
 - b. **Interfaith Class Field Trip by the Interfaith Society**
 - i. Open to students who want to learn about interfaith programs
 - ii. Mr. Sanchez moved to fast track event under letter f. for Daily Calendar Considerations
 - iii. The church will be in charge of lunch
 - iv. Requested amount: \$1,000
 - c. **Psi Chi Induction Ceremony by Psi Chi Honors Society**
 - i. Yearly meeting for inductees at Harley House
 - ii. Possibly funded \$400 outside of what was recommended
 - iii. 50 members (including old and potential new members)
 - iv. Requested amount: \$500

- XII. **Daily Calendar Considerations**
 - a. **Asian Night**
 - i. Requested amount: \$12,934.75
 - ii. 32nd annual Asian night- dinner and performance, catering by Bon Appetite
 - iii. Programs crucial to event
 - iv. Motion to fund this event in the requested amount of \$13,384.75
 - v. Objection by Mr. Baron to let them fundraise more before giving them that money, fund recommended
 - vi. Mr. Xiong- \$5,000 will come back to Senate due to ticket sales
 - vii. Ms. Solis- Can give partial amount of money

- viii. In favor against objection- Mr. Sanchez: brings alumni back, working tirelessly to get donations, all revenue from event goes back to Senate budget
- ix. In favor for the objections- Mr. Baron: don't know the budget numbers yet and fearful of Senate running out of money to fund other events
- x. 2 in favor of objection; 3 against objection; 4 abstaining
- xi. Event is funded in requested amount of \$12,934.75

b. Fish Bowl Discussion

- i. Inviting professors to talk in a circle in the Campus Center Courtyard
- ii. Discussion of K-12 education and how it has affected their classrooms in college
- iii. Publicizing through small flyers in the Spot and CI
- iv. Requested amount: \$158.23
- v. Mr. Sanchez moves to fund event in the requested amount of \$158.23
- vi. Motion unattested

c. MarTi Gras Pizza (Sponsored by the Thalian Society)

- i. An error in the first funding request last week
- ii. Mr. Sanchez moves to fund event in the requested amount of \$300
- iii. Motion unattested

d. PENNtronic (Sponsored by the William Penn Society)

- i. With a high attendance last year, better lighting and more lasers this year, taller tent to reduce condensation of sweat
- ii. Advertising with promo video and website
- iii. Tent amount includes Sunday pick up, toiletries, and stage
- iv. Already fundraised \$600 and received donations of \$1,200 from alumni and promised additional funding from Res Life for t-shirts and give-aways
- v. Requested amount: \$12,628.38
- vi. Ms. Martinez moves to fund this event in the requested amount of \$12,628.38
- vii. Motion unattested

e. Psych Club

- i. Requesting free pizza for recruitment meeting
- ii. Requested amount: \$50
- iii. Ms. Vargas moves to fund this event in the requested amount of \$50
- iv. Motion unattested

f. Interfaith Class Field Trip (Sponsored by the Interfaith Society)

- i. Trip to St. Mary's Catholic Church

- ii. Promote diverse identities month
- iii. Students can learn about religious diversity
- iv. Announcements will be sent to faculty and staff email for advertising
- v. ASWC logo will be on the flyers
- vi. Ms. Garcia moves to fund this event in the recommended amount of \$1,000
- vii. Motion unattested

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Mr. Raygoza-
 - i. More participation please on the table
 - ii. Will appoint positions if seats on table don't get filled after elections
- b. Mr. Carlson-
 - i. Roughly \$5,000 left for the rest of the year
 - 1. Budget committee meet after this Senate meeting
 - ii. Budget committee meets at 4:30pm on Mondays in the Senate office and anyone is welcomed to attend
 - 1. Need more Senators as well as non-Senators on this committee
- c. Ms. Reyes-
 - i. Women's Lacrosse game is on Wednesday...come out and support your fellow Poets!

XIV. Announcements

- a. Ms. Young
 - i. Super Smash Brothers at 7pm on Thursday in Club 88
 - ii. The co-Author of *Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America* is coming out to do a lecture on Tuesday, February 26th. This event was sponsored by ASWC last semester. Please show support.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Sanchez
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Esquer, *Secretary of ASWC*