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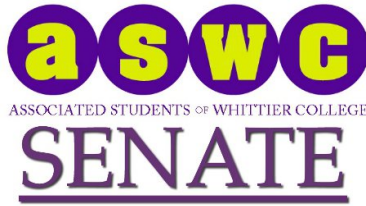
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## Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2015

- I. **Meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm**
  - a. Moment of Silence observed for our Quaker Traditions.
  - b. Inspirational Quote
    - a. “A strong person knows they have the strength for the journey, but a person of strength knows it is the journey where they will become strong.” –Unknown Author
    - b. Read by Senator Murillo.
- II. **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 Senator Kimball.
- III. **Roll Call- Secretary Ramirez**
  - a. **Present:** President Esquer, Vice President Duarte, Treasurer Carlson, Director Allman, Director Rashid, Senator Boynton, Senator Perez, Senator Kenny, Senator Romero, Senator Jones, Senator Sanchez, Senator Smith, Senator Meuwissen, Senator Murillo, Senator Doung, Senator Lendavai, Senator Santacruz, Senator Reyes, Senator Atoya, Senator Kimball, Senator Vargas, and Senator Butler Senator Malgina.
  - b. **Absent excused:** Senator Romero.
  - c. **Unexcused:**
- IV. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - a. Motion to Approve Minutes from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Senator Kenny.
    - a. All Minutes will be posted on Org-Sync, under “ASWC Files”

### Personnel Issue

- A. **NEW Social Justice Coalition chair: Rudy Marquez**

**V. President’s Message- President Esquer**

- a. Tonight we have a couple guest speakers. Please welcome our new Dean Perez.
- b. Our next guest Ben C. talking about the Senior Class gift campaign.
- c. Our next guest is Stephanie C. president of student body at Whittier Law School.
- d. I have posted my office hours. Also please get the word out about Senate Address.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Carlson**

<b>ASWC ACCOUNTS</b>	
Executive Budget Balance:	\$ 11,614.56 est.
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 33,259.10 est.
Total Funds Allocated:	\$ 56,454.58
<b>TOTAL ASWC FUNDS:</b>	
• <i>General Fund:</i>	\$12,897.00 est.
Total Requests Pending:	
• <i>First Readings Pending:</i>	\$1,050.00
• <i>Second Readings Pending:</i>	\$1,500.00
<b>RELATED ACCOUNTS</b>	
Program Board Account:	\$27,389.66 est.
Media Council Account:	

**VII. Constituent Reports**

**a. Senator Marquez**

- a. Nothing new to report.
- b. Senator Boynton (Freshman Class Council President)**
  - a.FFC class put out their first newsletter.
- c. Senator Kenny (Off- Campus Rep)**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- d. Senator Romero (Off-Campus Rep)**
  - A. Complaints about parking continue. Also there are complaints about residents parking during breakfast hours in the CI parking lot.
- e. Senator Perez (Off-Campus Rep)**
  - a.Nothing new to report.
- f. Senator Meuwissen (Student Body Rep)**
  - A. Working on creating working out programs.
- g. Senator Smith (Student Body Rep)**
  - a. Working on pamphlets for parking event.
- h. Senator Sanchez (Student Body Rep)**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- i. Senator Jones (Student Body Rep)**
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- j. Senator Murillo (Residence Hall rep)**
  - a. Tuesday first yoga class and Wednesday first dance class this week.
- k. Senator Duong (Residence Hall rep)**
  - a. Contacted Feli regarding laundry machines.
- l. Senator Lendvai (Residence Hall rep)**
  - a.Nothing new to report.
- m. Senator Reyes (SAAC rep)**
  - a. Meeting tomorrow. Preparing for Special Olympics. Tomorrow we have a guest speaker mandatory for Division 3 athletes. Also division 3- appreciation event will come up soon.
- n. Senator Atoya (SAAC rep)**
  - A. Nothing new to report.
- o. Senator Santacruz (DC)**
  - A. TOBEGGLAD meeting this week.
- p. Senator Kimball (Inter-Club Council)**
  - a. ISC meeting this Thursday in club 88 at 4:30 pm.
- q. Senator Marquez (Social Justice Coalition)**
  - a.Nothing new to report.
- r. Senator Malgina (Inter-Society council co chair)**
  - a.Nothing new to report.

**s. Senator Butler (Inter-Society council co chair)**

- a. This weekend we had our new membership education meeting and it went well.

s. Senator Santacruz (DC)

**VIII. Committee Reports**

a. Administrative- Vice President Duarte

- a. Meetings are Wednesday at 2:30.
- b. Drafting new things for the funding code.

b. Budget- Treasurer Carlson

- a. Today we have four readings.

c. Campus Relations- Dir. Rashid

- a. Organizing for ASWC Address March 31 at 5:30 in the Campus Center. We will have a Q & A with you executive members.
- b. Keep wearing polos.
- c. Anyone interested helping

d. Elections- Secretary Ramirez

- a. Nothing new to report.

e. Program Board – Program Board Director Allman

- a. Spring fest was this past Saturday; we had over 500 students attend. Students enjoyed the many activities we had.
- b. Our last event Lummies is Saturday march 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost person is \$25 includes transportation and meal. For the event you need to bring your ID and be a member of the drinking privileges program is over 21 years old. We have a total of 300 spots for the event.

f. Advocacy- President Esquer

- a. We met today ad talked about call boxes. Next week magali will come to talk about them more.

g. Culinary- Senator Jones

- a. Met last week
- b. Changed meeting times to Wednesday at 5 pm.

h. Environmental- Senator Vargas

- a. Working on budget to improve Wardman garden. Meeting Mondays at 2:30 in the senate office.

- i. Student Feedback- Senator Kenny
  - a. We met this week. Members were tabling throughout the week handing out pamphlets for students to know more parking on campus. The pamphlets have FIQs but I am working to answer more questions that students may have.
  - b. Shuttles works from 6 am to
  - c. Will improve pamphlet to include call boxes and shuttle drop off and pick up locations.
- j. Commuter – Senator Perez
  - a. Meeting Wednesday at 1 pm in the Spot. All commuters are welcome.

IX. **Public Voice** - This is the portion of the meeting for anyone who is not on the table to address any questions, comments, or concerns.

Student- I was one the students affected by the turner flood and now that the carpet was pulled in many rooms there are nails that were exposed by the restrooms and rooms. If you could please inform the proper senator so they can help address the issue.

Senator Meuwissen – Currently Res life is working on solutions to address the issue.

Student- We are working on starting an automotive club. If anyone is interested in joining, coming soon. Also we are concerned with environment issues such as there several cigarettes buds spread-out. Also a lot of the shower heads leak.

Senator Vargas- Environmental committee meets Mondays at 12:30 in the Senate Office.

Senator Kimball- I can speak with you after about your club and coming to our meetings.

Student- I see that April 15 you invited Duncleman to talk about the Whittier College budget.

Student- Will this be open to students and also when is the next forum?

Senator Kenny- Anyone is welcome in upcoming forums please come to student feedback to learn more.

President- March 31<sup>st</sup> is ASWC Address at 5pm. Please come out to listen and ask questions.

Student- I saw you went over the ASWC budget...is there anything specific for the dances.

Treasure Carlson- Budget is broken down into several pieces if you would like to learn me please talk with me after the meeting.

Student- It's known that at this time of the year Senate tends to run out of money but I understand it's also based on first come first serve.

Vice President Duarte- Anyone who has questions regarding the funding of Fantasy during the reading we will talk about this further. Any students who want to voice their concerns now is the time.

Student- For Fantasy ASWC funded a recommended amount that we are willing to work with and we are also fundraising but that won't be enough.

Student- I understand that ASWC is running out of money. However, I feel there wasn't enough negligence when funding past events that is why I don't agree that now that there is deficit an event cannot be funded.

Director Allman- I would like to clarify that for any events over 10,000 had to come before the deadline.

Director Rashid- It would be really hard to foresee budget right away because amounts funded change right then and there.

Senator Kenny- Being part of a society myself I would like to speak on behalf of a senator because we did not foresee this coming. Be the change you wish to see in the world therefore if you don't like the senators just think about this.

Student- If you are a member of a society are you allowed to vote.

Senator Kenny- If I am part of a society that is asking for funds I cannot vote and must abstain.

Director Sobers- POI senate elections are happening April 8<sup>th</sup>

Student- If two large events happen within the first week and later you get a number of how many students transferred in, can you change how much you funded those previous events.

Director Rashid- After three days we can withhold the amount served to that event.

VP Duarte- POI the reserve budget is only used for campus improvements.

Student- What would happen if you funded events and after 5 weeks after finding out how much you have in the budget what happens.

Treasure- Our estimations are usually very close to what it comes out to be. If you have more questions I'd be happy to meet with you.

Senator Meuwissen - I see both sides of the arguments. In order to address this in the future we have to have the bigger picture in mind.

Student- The same day that Fantasy came two other events were funded that added up to about the same amount for Fantasy...how come they weren't vetoed?

Senator Boynton- POI ASA night was tabled several times to work on reducing the requested amount.

Student- What does a low cost event classify as?

Treasure Carlson- Low cost events are under \$500.

Student- I would recommend making an amendment regarding society lobbies voting on events from that society.

Director Rashid- I understand this might be perceived differently but according to Leap the pledging process is not recorded officially therefore lobbies can vote.

Senator Murillo- Going back to the first come first serve basis in regards to Penntronic they came on the first day if per say Fantasy would have come then we would have discussed funding for both events further.

Director Sobers- POI senators due take into consideration things that might influence once voting. Perhaps more training can be done to address this issue when training senators.

Director Rashid- As a senator we also look first at what's best for our constituents and that's a philosophy we work by.

Director Sobers- POI senators have time between the first and second readings to communicate with constituents about funding events.

Senator Vargas- When was the new amendment passed for budget regarding events?

VP Duarte -December 2013

Treasure Carlson- A lot of the other amendments in the budget funding code has been there since before my time serving. We can consider looking at certain things and working to change things.

Student- Regarding Program Board, how much of the student body fees are allocated to PB?

Treasure Carlson- Student fees are allocated as follows: 35% media council 65% senate (general funds) and of that 25% goes to PB.

Director Allman- Just to clarify the funds are strictly used for student body events not society events.

Student- Are the allocated amounts are per semester?

VP Duarte- Yes, they are.

Student- I would recommend being more strategic on how funding event process goes throughout the semester.

President Esquer- I completely agree with you and I will recommend that for next year especially because big events come within the first week.

Senator Boynton- Please know we will be talking about this further as table.

Senator Kenny- In our training this can also be something we can address in our summer training.

Director Rashid- POI we have funded several events such as commuter luncheons, speakers, and more.



Senator Butler- Also for open house and rush we plan ahead and for dances the same thing is done. In terms of planning always plan ahead of time to be ready for that first meeting.

Senator Reyes- POI this is the biggest public we have had POI these meetings are every week. Therefore please come and voice your concerns because that helps us as senators to understand the student body more.

Student- If this event is not funded what can be done....

VP Duarte- If a new event is created their would have to be 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote to hear an event over \$10,000 since the deadline has passed.

Student- what happens to the left over money by the end of the semester?

Director Rashid- Any left over amounts go to the reserve account, which is used to pay things like Org sync and for campus improvements.

Treasure Carlson- POI reserve account commitments to things like org sync are already accounted for.

Students- do you follow up on how events do after event happens

Treasure- yes we analyze every aspect from the weather to attendance.

Students- do you look at what the students thought of an event after it has happened.

President Esquer- Yes, senators go back to their constituents to get feedback.

Senator Santacruz- I think they mean if we look at concrete details that made this event happen and that's something we should do more.

President- I completely agree and that's something we can work on.

Director Allman- We will discuss how we can better survey events and lets us know ways if you have ideas so we can better serve you.

Senator Kenny- In regards to comments cards please use them we do look at them.

Student- I wasn't aware of the comment cards.

Senator Boynton- We will work towards advertising them more.

Student- In regards to the cards I think they need to be updated.

Kenny- Please come to our student feedback committee meetings if you have any suggestions.

Senator Murillo- I understand that this is something that needs to be looked into but we do have information of all the senators at the table outside of the senate office if you wish to contact them.

Senator Kimball- Also when senators are tabling outside it's so students can approach senators.

Student- I feel that both sides can strengthen communication because

Senator Boynton- I understand the disconnect there is and that it needs work that is why we do things like forums, tabling's, and the ASWC Address. It's a give and take relationship essentially.

Director Allman- I personally have made efforts to truly serve the student body and we truly do want to better serve you, the student body. Please do reach out to us so that we can better serve you there's always work to be done.

Student- Would you like for students to come back to hold you accountable.

President Esquer- Please do come to our office hours and talk to us about anything. Please hold us accountable for our jobs.

Director Sobers- Another way to know if senators are being held accountable is by reading the minutes posted on org sync.

### **First Readings**

- A. Pi -Day for Cancer Awareness by the Math Club.
  - A. An event held every year where professors sign up to get pi thrown at them. We have looked at other ways to get free pies but Bon Appetite.
  - B. Total requested \$750.
  - C. Request for fast track.
  - D. Senator Murillo motions to fast-track event.
- B. Valeriano Mixer by the Franklin Society.
  - A. Total requested \$300.
  - B. Funds are to hold event for Brandon Valeriano along side with the Political Science department. The speech is open to the student body. Event date is April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. Senator Murillo motions to reorder the agenda.
  - D. VP- is there a consensus – majority event

### **Daily Calendar Considerations**

- A. Pi day
  - Senator Kenny motions to fun event.
- B. H4 Honorarium
  - A. Total requested for speakers \$500.
  - B. Senator Reyes motions to table event till next week under letter B.
- C. **Miscellaneous Business**
  - a. President Esquer- Due to the low amount we have left in the budget I have decided to veto the amount that was funded for Fantasy. I think it's in the best interest of senate that we do this.

- b. VP- We are now opening debate for the veto on Fantasy. To clarify, Con- are to overturn the veto and Pro -is to uphold the veto.
- c. Senator Santacruz- I am speaking for the con and recommend that we look at what was funded for Penntronic and through a 2/3rds vote and consider the amount funded.
- d. Senator Kimball- Speaking for con side, last year I attended and personally I did not stay longer than 30 minutes. At one pint I remember the police made an appearance.
- e. Senator Kenny- Speaking for the con, although these events happen annually there is room for improvements.
- f. Senator Meuwissen - I personally understand that senate is concerned about the budget but it would be unfortunate to not fund event because we are running low.
- g. Senator Murillo- For con, although it's unfortunate that we have to penalize this group we do have to think about future events such as honor societies
- h. Director Rashid- Con, consider this as logistics and not penalizing these organizations. If we do not have funds we cannot operate as student government and will in the long run affect more people.
- i. Senator Santacruz- My concern is why we didn't confront this dilemma when Penntronic came.
- j. Senator Butler- If constituents were not happy with funding the event senators could have communicated that at the time.
- k. Director Rashid- moves to a roll call event (nays are to uphold the veto and yays are to overturn the veto)
- l. Senator Boynton- nay, Senator Marquez- nay, Senator Kenny- abstain, Senator Perez- nay, Senator Romero- , Senator Jones- abstain, Senator Sanchez-, Senator Smith- abstain, Senator Meuwissen- yay, Senator Murillo- nay, Senator Dounge- yay, Senator Lendavai- yay, Senator Santacruz- nay, Senator Perez- , Senator Reyes- nay, Senator Atoyan- nay, Senator Kimball- nay, Senator Vargas- nay, Senator Butler- nay, Senator Malgina- yay.
- m. The vote was 10 nays, 4 yays, and 3 abstaining.

### Announcements

- a. Senator Murillo – Senators make sure to pass word of events to your constituents.
- b. Senator Kenny- this email if you want to contact me.

- c. Director Rashid- Communication was a big issue brought up in public voice therefore please come to our meetings. Also thank you for those of you who came out and stayed the whole meeting.
- d. Director Sobers- I spoke with about how many newspapers are
- e. Senator Kenny- I've chosen not to wear my polo recently because I felt ASWC wasn't doing a very well job but after tonight I commend senate in how they handled the situation and so next week I will be wearing my shirt.
- f. Director Sobers- POI we are talking about a new app that would contain newspapers articles that could be accessed by the students.
- g. Motion to adjourn meeting - Senator Butler.
- h. Student- Thank you for time I understand it was tough decision but to prevent this in the future I would recommend that the table be more cautions when funding all events.
- i. Motions to adjourn meeting- Senator Kenny.
- n. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm by Vice President Duarte

Respectfully Submitted by Tania Ramirez, *Secretary of ASWC*