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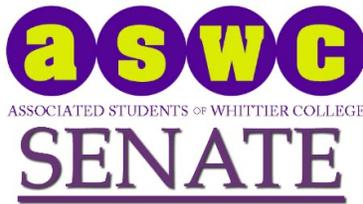
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Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2015

- I. **Meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm**
 - a. Moment of Silence observed for our Quaker Traditions.
 - b. Inspirational Quote
 - a. “Do you want to know who you are? Don’t ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.”—Pres. Thomas Jefferson (3rd Pres. of USA)
 - 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 Marquez.
- III. **Roll Call- Secretary Ramirez**
 - a. **Present:** President Esquer, Vice President Duarte, Treasurer Carlson, Director Allman, Director Rashid, Senator Marquez, 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 Atoyán, Senator Kimball, Senator Vargas, and Senator Butler Senator Malgina.
 - b. **Absent excused:** Senator Sanchez, Senator Reyes, Senator Smith
 - c. **Unexcused:**
- IV. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Motion to Approve Minutes from April 6th – Senator Boynton.
 - a. All Minutes will be posted on Org-Sync, under “ASWC Files”

Personnel Issue

A.

V. President’s Message- President Esquer

- a. Please encourage all your constituents to vote on Wednesday.

VI. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Carlson

ASWC ACCOUNTS	
Executive Budget Balance:	\$ 11,614.56 est.
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 33,259.10 est.
Total Funds Allocated:	\$ 59,258.92
TOTAL ASWC FUNDS:	
• <i>General Fund:</i>	\$10,092.66 est.
Total Requests Pending:	
• <i>First Readings Pending:</i>	\$2,480.00
• <i>Second Readings Pending:</i>	\$6,544.00
RELATED ACCOUNTS	
Program Board Account:	\$27,389.66 est.
Media Council Account:	

VII. Constituent Reports

a. Senator Marquez

- a. Nothing new to report.
- b. Currently working on revising constitution.
- c. Currently looking to revise their constitution.

b. Senator Boynton (Freshman Class Council President)

- a. FCC looking to book a fundraiser.
- b. Also working on changing the constitution.

c. Senator Kenny (Off- Campus Rep)

- a. Nothing new to report.

d. Senator Romero (Off-Campus Rep)

- A. Nothing new to report.
- e. **Senator Perez (Off-Campus Rep)**
 - a.Nothing new to report.
- f. **Senator Meuwissen (Student Body Rep)**
 - A. Nothing new to report.
- g. **Senator Smith (Student Body Rep)**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- 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 8 to 9 first yoga class and Wednesday 5 to 6 first dance class this are still going on this week.
- k. **Senator Duong (Residence Hall rep)**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- l. **Senator Lendavai (Residence Hall rep)**
 - a.Nothing new to report.
- m. **Senator Reyes (SAAC rep)**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- n. **Senator Atoya (SAAC rep)**
 - A. Nothing new to report.
- o. **Senator Santacruz (Diversity Council)**
 - A. Nothing new to report.
- p. **Senator Kimball (Inter-Club Council)**
 - a. Last meeting.
- 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. Nothing new to report.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Duarte

- a. Meetings are Wednesday at 2:30.
 - b. The new bills will be voted on tonight regarding the funding code.
- b. Budget- Treasurer Carlson
 - a. My committee met today and went over the 3 readings we have.
- c. Campus Relations- Dir. Rashid
 - a. ASWC Address had a good turn out this year, I hope that this event will be continued and improved.
 - b. We are now live tweeting senate minutes for those who can't make it to the meetings.
 - c. End of the year reports are due very soon. I need them by the end of the school year. The point of this report is to reflect on issues you have dealt with.
- d. Elections- Secretary Ramirez
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Allman
 - a. PB are new executive board will be announced next year.
- f. Advocacy- President Esquer
 - A. Met with campus on Thursday the city is considering opening parking in the north side of the campus.
 - B. Philadelphia and Glen court is now going to be permit parking
 - C. New smoking air in the upper village.
- g. Culinary- Senator Jones
 - a. We've seen a lot of improvement, however we are working towards more improvements.
- h. Environmental- Senator Vargas
 - a. For funding request we are requesting funds to improve the Wanberg garden.
- i. Student Feedback- Senator Kenny
 - a. Working to put up commuter boxes and looking to bring more recycling bins to the dorms.
 - b. Also looking to get new signs for parking.
 - c. In regards to comment boxes we have made new papers.
- j. Commuter – Senator Perez

a. Last Meeting went very well. Talked about how we could improve the faculty master councils.

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 would like to start of by going over your constitution. In article (8)... I believe the student government; senate will be approachable to the student body. You are considered an official organization. When it says accountable if there are any flaws that should be fixed. Article 5-section clause 3 it states all constant elections shall be declared plurality. Contested elections will be determined by plurality. Article 7 all election related issues would be determined by plurality. The by laws contradict the current constitution. Therefore I believe that run off was unconstitutional the original vote in the first round are what determines the true winner. I am only stating this from the constitution therefore I believe there was no room for errors.

Vice President Duarte-Seeing that this election included a violation having the run off election was only be fair for both students and candidates.

President –According to article 12 section The committee took into consideration all factors that affected this election which led to the decision of having the run off election.

Student- Plurality means multiple people were running. Therefore, I believe who ever had the largest number was the winner percentages don't matter. Therefore all contestants who won in this election did not count.

Director Allman-The run off election was called before the results of the election due to the violation.

Senator Vargas- Tampering with the elections can count as telling people who they should vote for.

Director Rashid- The run off was a penalty due to the violation. Therefore a run off election took place.

Director Allman- according to our constitution when calling a run off election we can call it within one week. I understand that it could have been set for another day however the committee saw it best that it take place right away.

Senator Vargas- Candidates did have the opportunity to get people to vote through their campaigning.

Student- But couldn't the committee as body representing the body could have done more to reach the students about voting again.

DR- Yes, we are a representative body however the election committee did its part in reaching the student body. If you look at bigger governmental intuitions they provide the information then its up to the constituents. It imperative to understand that there is dual responsibility. Considering it was all over social media there is no excuse for students not voting. Candidates were able communicate with their constituents about voting as well.

Student- I think maybe for our next election we should change how voting happens. I am thinking having specific polls rather than having the table outside the ci.

VP- That could definitely be something to change. That is why we encourage students to come to our committee meetings to propose changes. We are very open to suggestions.

President Esquer- As a committee we discussed the violation then the chair and advisor discussed final solutions.

Director Rashid- its need to be understood to clarify when the violation was severe enough that it hurt the results of the election code. The run-off the election was held again but this time with more caution.

DA- we did not hinder anyone from voting, we simply based on the discretion and discussions called the run off elections.

DR- There is always a way for students to bring suggestions about any codes.

Senator Murillo- what is your end goal of this meeting?

Student- I think the winner of the first round of elections should be named the winner.

Student- I was wondering if senate can help the Sudexxo if you could please contact me.

Student- Why is it that the numbers and violations are so hidden in the elections committee.

President Esquer- Everything is confidential so when a violation happens the candidate has a chance to inform the constituents.

Student- Article 5 states in order to achieve communication it will foster communication...

Director Rashid- Open communication does not mean every detail is told certain information is not disclosed.

Student- article 6 states committees will have at least one non-senate committee member, a faculty advisor would be considered administrative.

President Esquer- Point of Information we do have a non-senate member part of the committee.

President- We stand by our decision and I encourage anyone to get involved with the committee if they would like to propose changes. Thank you.

Student- At the last presidential debate we mentioned that this elections. We are shifting to district voting system. WC submitted a map done by the President.

Apparently no one was aware I wanted to raise this issue. The college is saying how the WC views the community of politics in Whittier.

VP- in regards to the district map we as a senate were not made aware so thank you for letting us know.

Student- I emailed e-board about a couple questions I would like to know the status of that.

DR- I am currently still working on finding those answers for you.

Student- I also wanted to know if Environmental committee is still meeting in the senate office?

Senator Vargas-Yes, the meeting this week was cancelled however we are still meeting there next week.

DR- back to what we were talking about the WC being involved with the politics of the community. My question to you is how could do you want us address this issue.

Student- I originally I thought these maps were discussed at the end of meetings. I think it would be great if senate can put out an email saying that senate is not involved with issue.

DR- Are these other maps accessible to the public.

Student- yes all the maps that have been submitted are online and can be shared.

Student- Last week we had a meeting with the president and mentioned how I don't feel that WC is serving first generation students. We would like a public statement that supports the dreamers; I think this would make a more comfortable relationship.

DR- I agree with what you said and I recently started conversations with the cultural center. I'm looking into doing the research and would love your help.

Senator Santacruz- Just to add I am the diversity council representative and I work closely with the cultural center so I can help too.

Student- Just a point of information we are having Dye for Diversity this Tuesday and Wednesday during lunch hours.

First Readings

- A. Bowling Event by KNS
 - a. April 27th from 9 pm to 11 pm.
 - b. 10 dollars a person.

- c. 2/3rds vote is needed to hear this reading those who want to hear it-majority.
 - d. Total requested \$650.
- B. Biology Club Panel by KNS
 - a. Total requested \$125.
 - b. This will be networking events with physical therapist where students can build connections with professionals.
 - c. Senator M motions to fast-track event.
- C. Body Exhibit by KNS
 - a. 2/3rds vote to hear this event- majority
 - b. Event date April 19th from 10:30 am to 2 pm, requesting \$600 for transportation.
 - c. Showcase in Buena Park and we would like to request fast track.
 - d. Senator Perez- motions to fast track event
- D. Lavender Graduation by TOBEGGLAD
 - a. Total requested \$300 for food and decorations.
 - b. Event date April 30th from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Campus Center.
 - c. Request to fast track event.
 - d. Senator Atoyan motions to fast track event.
- E. SoCal Intercollegiate by LOL
 - a. 2/3rds to hear event- majority
 - b. Total requested \$630 for speaker, food, decorations, and printing.
 - c. Tournament across Southern California. It starting to get big in the east coast. This will be our first begin event and would appreciate the support.
 - d. Event date is May 2nd in the Campus Center from 12 pm to 9 pm.
- F. Biology Club Panel by KNS
 - a. Event date April 15th from 7:30 to 9 pm.
 - b. Requesting \$300 for speaker and food.
 - c. Request to fast track event.

Daily Calendar Considerations

- A. Moving streaming program by Res Life
 - A. Requesting for funds for annual contract fee for the movie program.
 - B. This would be coming out the reserve.
 - C. 8,700 hits were on the Program January 2014 to February 2015.
 - D. We have 96 movies per year and we pick about 12 movies per month that stay on the website for 3 months.
 - E. It's about 400 students watching movies per month.
 - F. This program can only be accessed in the residence hall however if you're on the poets network it can be accessed.

- G. January 2014 it was started for a five-year contract.
- H. Senator Vargas- motions to table this event till next week.
- I. Total requested \$6,544.
- B. Biology Club Panel by KNS
 - a. Senator Boynton motions to fund event in requested amount of \$300.
- C. Body Exhibits by KNS
 - a. Senator Perez motions to fund event in the requested amount of \$600.
- D. Lavender by TOBEGGLAD
 - a. Senator Murillo motions to fund in requested amount of \$300.
- E. **Miscellaneous Business**
 - a. None.

Announcements

- a. VP- I will be posting up the results for senate member of the year. The table can nominate people through the form. We have about a week to nominate people.
- b. President Esquer- For next week please reports what your constituents are working on or have worked on.
- c. Senator Boynton- We are going to hold a positive message day. If anyone wants to join our committee please contact me.
- d. Director Allman- The last event PB will have is April 30th for a preview of the avengers in the village cinemas.
- e. VP Duarte- On Thursday the new Dean Perez will be having breakfast any students are welcome to join him.
- f. Senator Malgina- Ionian society and palmers are have fundraisers this week one is at yogurt land tomorrow.
- g. Atoyan- Water polo game this week.
- h. Motions to adjourn meeting- Senator Marquez.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm by Vice President Duarte

Respectfully Submitted by Tania Ramirez, *Secretary of ASWC*