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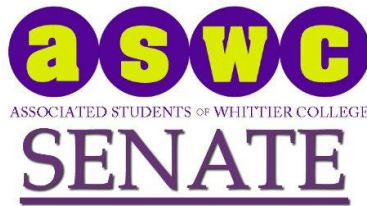
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## Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2015

- I. **Meeting is called to order at 7:08PM**
- II. **Moment of Silence**
- III. **Inspirational quote Sen. Ringgold**
  - a. “One key to successful leadership is continuous personal change. Personal change is a reflection of our inner growth and empowerment.”  
— *Robert E. Quinn*
- IV. **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  
**Read by Sen. Wendt**
- V. **Roll Call- Secretary Duong**
  - a. **Present:** President Robert Duarte, Vice-President Amer Rashid, Treasurer Cesar Zamora, Secretary Tana Duong, Director Cody Allman, Director Leah Boynton, Sen. Manning, Sen. Michelle Ordonez, Sen. Hannah Martin, Sen. Erica Wendt, Sen. John Parviainen Sen. Katie Clendening, Sen. Lorena Heymans, Sen. Alfredo Santacruz, Sen. Alyssa Kimbell, Sen. Rudy Marquez, Sen. Jazmin Ringgold, Sen. Jacob Contreras, Sen. Priscilla Rodriguez, Sen. Will McKenzie, Sen. Vica Malgina, Dr. Morris, Dr. Sobers, Dr. Kjellberg
  - b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Dueñas
  - c. **Unexcused:**
- VI. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - a. Approved by Sen. Parviainen
- VII. **President’s Message- President Duarte**
  - a. Shout out to Program Board for hosting a wonderful Homecoming week
  - b. Ms. Trish Van Osboree, chair for ERC
- VIII. **Guest Speaker**
  - a. Bringing information from committee
  - b. Has not evolved into total BYOD program just yet

- c. Introduced VCL (virtual computer lab) program because Science Building construction, so students needed access to programs the school licensed (school purchased licensing fees)
  - a. Students were able to access virtually anywhere through VCL (access licensed programs like SPSS, Math Lab, Dart Fish, Nexus etc.)
  - b. This evolved into BYOD program, which was initially intended with the VCL program
  - c. The idea is that classroom will be very versatile for courses, so trying to adapt to that... initial conversations just took place on how college can transition to this and if educationally/ financially best
    - 1. Considering if we have enough outlets, or band width to support this... course work vs. classwork
  - d. Next step is broader survey through campus if students have computers to bring on campus
  - e. Trying to resolve short term problems-
    - 1. Currently 400MB of band width, trying to increase that
    - 2. Trying to understand number of devices per student (approximately 5, all of that requires bandwidth)
  - f. ERC is trying to work on this problem, because financial part and trying to focus on the educational value of the situation... trying to determine how it will help the students
  - g. On behalf of Sen. Dueñas, what about financial concerns for student- a lot don't own computers, and utilize the resources on campus... how is that going to effect students already struggling financially?
    - 1. First determining...what is the true percentage on students who don't have access to laptops... considering the cost limitations for the students
    - 2. Could we consider no interest loans for students who need to purchase a computer?
    - 3. Pro- most courses only require computers that are basic.... It's not an extravagant expense- will work for VCL as well
  - h. Trying to resolve the spots where licensed programs are not even accessible on campus...
    - 1. Separate from the BYOD program, that's bringing device into class
    - 2. Faculty feel it is advantageous to have computer literacy for students... matter of how accessible resources will be

- i. If you bring your own device, there will not be enough ports in classroom to allow for ethernet cable connection- which is faster internet
- j. Dr. Morris: incompatibility with certain software and devices, amount of class time because troubleshooting,
  - 1. Sen. Kimbell is concerned that each device is different and programs may not be adaptable to each individual
  - 2. Unaware of instructional videos provided on Moodle, how to get on VCL, save, print etc.
  - 3. VCL is not as compatible with Macs, can't even open start menu to open application... crashes entire computer and all open applications
  - 4. Director of IT Services, Troy Greenup would like to hear about more discrepancies like Vice- Pres. Rashid's
  - 5. VCL can be corrected in short term, more concerned about adopting BYOD program
- k. An email was sent out last year, concerning capacity of computers and direction of the programs that are being considered—might be effective to re-send this message, work with QC on providing information to students
  - 1. May not solve, but some form of troubleshoot
- l. Going forward, what information could we pass on?
  - 1. Share the instructional videos on Moodle
  - 2. BYOD is not progressing as quickly as people are afraid of, preparation and communication will follow with students and faculty
  - 3. We will start with VCL problems within the next several weeks, then the conversation about BYOD will continue afterwards
  - 4. Creating a form of communication from Dr. Morris to ERC to try to resolve

**Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Zamora**

ASWC ACCOUNTS	
Executive Budget Balance:	\$ 6789.78.
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 30,660.00

<b>TOTAL ASWC FUNDS:</b>	
• <i>General Fund:</i>	\$10,859.96
• <i>Total Funds Allocated:</i>	\$62,747.46
Total Requests Pending:	
• <i>First Readings Pending:</i>	\$560.00
• <i>Second Readings Pending:</i>	\$600.00
<b>RELATED ACCOUNTS</b>	
Program Board Account:	\$41,461.65
Media Council Account:	\$173,399.10

**I. Constituent Reports**

a. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Manning*

- a. Issues with dorms, students weren't reporting to their RA's
- b. All the first year female athletes are complaining about double standards in work out areas
  - 1. Not allowed to wear certain workout gear, and are asked to leave facilities however, males do not have standards
  - 2. Will continue conversation in Miscellaneous

b. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Dueñas*

- a. N/A

c. Commuter Rep- *Sen. Ordonez*

- a. Commuter meet-up from last Wednesday
- b. Campus Safety has issued warnings on parking, stated that actual Whittier Parking Enforcement will be called
  - 1. The possible parking on Bright may be option
- c. Safety on Franklin st. students will be harassed by the residents
  - 1. Campus Safety said to report to them if not too serious, but call Police of it's threatening concerns
- d. Bike Thieves around campus- Commuter's means of transportation, don't feel safe around campus and can't afford to buy another bike if it were to be stolen

1. Possibly work with Campo or get a U-lock through the school
  2. Perhaps provide more security around bike places, or providing security camera signs?
- d. Residential Hall Rep- Sen. Martin
- a. Needs help with graphic design for student back designs
  - b. needs a facility meeting for leak complaints and work orders
- e. Student Body Rep- Sen. Erica Wendt
- a. Res Hall complaints such as continuous trash in Harris
  - b. trying to set up meeting concerning facilities and safety concerns with Sen. Martin, Pres. Duarte, and Bill Weinmann
  - c. CIA office hours are M,T,W office hours in Ball Basement
- f. Student Body Rep- Sen. Parviainen
- a. Was asked, how does Senate have the authority to pass bills such as SEFA
    1. Vice-Pres Rashid, we can't enforce these changes of bills within dorms. However the language requests through the language of the bill for students to implement. Constantly communicating within administration and students to take Senate seriously, and maintaining that relationship to help enact these changes. But it's up to the table's discretion when passing these bills.
  - b. Turner Residents are complaining that facilities are slow in fixing draining AC vents in their room
    1. Emailed facilities, talked to RA since 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school and have yet to be addressed
- g. Student Body Rep- Sen. Clendening
- a. Complaints about Bon Appetit showing up late to events
  - b. Classmates feel no one is receiving responses from Dean of Students, Administration, facilities etc. Encouraged constituents to attend Environmental Committee and not be discouraged
    1. Urban garden, facilities are not responding to members of course
    2. Approached by multiple individuals
  - c. Positive response about water bottles
  - d. Gluten free options are available at the Spot now
- h. Student Body Rep- Sen. Heymans
- a. Res Life required constituent to provide ridiculous paperwork to prove residency within school radius- threatening him to pay charges for living on campus, although he doesn't

1. Threatening other students as well
- i. Diversity Caucus Rep- *Sen. Santacruz*
  - a. Positive response on Tardeada
  - b. Movie night on Wednesday October 28th, in the VPS room
  - c. Diversity Council meeting Thursday to discuss Diverse Identity Month next semester... many events
- j. Inter-Club Council Rep- *Sen. Kimbell*
  - a. Office hours, CIA is officially deactivated as of October
  - b. Not receiving budget reports for clubs, but receiving reports for deactivated clubs... the business office has not acknowledged name changes- a lot of issues
    1. Unsuccessful communication with Business office
  - c. Complaint regarding smoking session by Kaplan, a lot of cigarette butts
    1. Various trash cans available but lots of dogs on campus or children... who to contact to work with Kaplan students about it becoming an issue
    2. Perhaps work with Advocacy on planning something to prevent
    3. Might be a cultural discrepancy, language barrier, transitioning students constantly... will reach out through email (George McKernon, through Conference Services department)
  - d. How do clubs become reinstated
- k. Social Justice Coalition- *Sen. Marquez*
  - a. First year students are interested, encourage students who are passionate about social activism... might do one on one interviews for new positions
- l. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Rep- *Sen. Contreras*
  - a. Women's Volleyball vs. Pomona Pitzer
  - b. Women's Soccer game vs. Claremont
- m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Rep- *Sen. Rodriguez*
  - a.
- n. Media Council Rep- *Sen. Ringgold*
  - a. Acropolis is in motion of contacting diff schools that have utilized digital yearbooks...
  - b. KPoet had strong attendance for Open Mic Night last week
  - c. QCTV has episode airing Wednesday
  - d. QC is sending 6 students to conference, will report to Media Council so all will benefit

- e. Sigma Tau Delta has twitter competition this week, will win cash money for tweeting horror story, #SigmaScare
- f. VPS has film festival starting next week- participate for eligible
- g. WCSN excited for DubSync Madness, will share highlight video release this week
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. McKenzie*
  - a. N/A
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Malgina*
  - a. Athenian Society still selling bracelets in front of CI
  - b. lunA is November 13th

## II. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Rashid
  - a. Began reviewing governing body constitutions- email will be sent ... streamline information and will be printed, provided in binders for reference available for the table
  - b. Finished formatting Environmental Action Bill, will be read in Miscellaneous
- b. Budget- Treasurer Zamora
  - a. Discussed recommended amounts for first readings
- c. Campus Relations- Dir. Boynton
  - a. ASWC Address was very successful, good feedback about water bottles
  - b. Will continue to think of pairing with other committees to utilize bottles
  - c. Working on newsletter to be printed and distributed on campus
  - d. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, next meeting
- d. Elections- Secretary Duong
  - a. N/A
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Allman
  - a. Homecoming is officially a wrap, overall successful
  - b. will send out surveys on event such as DubSync Madness- any comments from the students
  - c. Will be sharing photos later on this week
  - d. any feedback is appreciated, info on OrgSync
  - e. Tuesday 5PM in LEAP, meeting every week
- f. Advocacy- President Duarte
  - a. Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> will be next meeting at 4:30 in Senate



- b. Discussing joint event with campus safety concerning active shooter training, will bring to meeting
  - c. Will address concerns with Res Life
- g. Culinary- Sen. Clendening
  - a. Meeting Wednesday at 5:30 in Senate
  - b. Will talk to James Dial, general public or any concerns please share with email and picture evidence
    - 1. Contact [kclenden@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:kclenden@poets.whittier.edu)
- h. Environmental- Sen. Martin
  - a. Sent a bill in to administrative committee, will be read
  - b. Meeting with Bill Weinmann to discuss water conversation
  - c. No update on grant
  - d. Pres. Duarte in efforts to meet with Bill Weinmann,
- i. Student Feedback- Sen. Marquez
  - a. Discussed upcoming forum they are brainstorming: facilities, res halls, parking—biggest issues as of right now
  - b. possibly having separate athletics forum to take them into consideration as well because practice and game conflicts
  - c. Would like to provide giveaways at these forums, maybe with PB too
- j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Rashid
  - a. Update, hearing from Department chairs on when they are electing reps
    - 1. Political Science Council is being held November 6<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Continuing to work on election dates with all other departments
  - b. Dean Good is allowing for portion of his speaking time to address questions between Sen. Dueñas and Vice-Pres. Rashid with department chairs, lots were taken aback- will quell any of those concerns
  - c. At least mid-November goal is 6 departments participating in council

### III. Public Voice -

- a. When and where will photos from Homecoming will be shared?
  - a. Will create albums on OrgSync and compile with Communications
  - b. Whittier College on Facebook has 100+ photos shared already

### IV. First Readings

- a. Drag Show- *TOBGLAD*
  - a. Anticipating 60 participating est.
  - b. Total requesting \$100, recommended \$100

- c. One of the org's most popular event... important that representation of this population on campus. Will like to introduce fall semester instead of spring for the new students
- b. Math Club Meeting- *Math Club*
  - a. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wardman Hall Library
  - b. Requesting \$200 for food and drink, \$0 recommended
  - c. Would like to have food and speaker at this event... regarding number theory
  - d. Would like to fast-track event
  - e. Sen. Malgina moves to fast-track event
  - f. Sen. Kimbell objects, because organization has requested funding for similar events
    - 1. No fundraising has been done
    - 2. Still have money in account to feed own club constituents
    - 3. Sen. Clendening in favor of objection because fast-track requested, has failed to attend previous meetings
  - g. 1 in favor to fast-track event, 11 object, 1 abstention
- c. Liquid Nitrogen- *Physics Club*
  - a. October 29<sup>th</sup>, expecting 35 participants
  - b. Requesting \$130 for ingredients and toppings, recommended same
  - c. Same event as last year, replacing chemistry club
  - d. Chocolate, vanilla, strawberry ice-cream
  - e. Would like to provide vegan ingredients as well—to experiment with liquid nitrogen
  - f. Event is open to everyone on campus, how would you like to advertise event... please tweet, maybe email Students
  - g. Would like to fast-track event, takes place this Thursday... Halloween Horror Nights conflicts with 4:30 PM ... how would you advertise so this does not conflict with?
    - 1. The organization will be able to change the event, it's flexible—yet editing an event for EMS will be determined by space availability
  - h. Sen. Santaruz moves to fast-track event under Daily Calendar Considerations letter E.
- d. Metaphonian Society Rush- *Metaphonian Society*
  - a. Requesting \$150 for food

## Daily Calendar Considerations

- A. Franklin Society Rush- *Franklin Society*
  - a. Requesting, and recommended amount \$150
  - b. Sen. Malgina moves to fund event in requested amount
- B. Sachsen Society Rush- *Sachsen Society*
  - a. Requesting \$150, recommended \$150
  - b. Funded
- C. Paragonian Society Rush- *Paragonian Society*
  - a. Requesting \$150
  - b. Sen. McKenzie moves to fund in requested amount
- D. Liquid Nitrogen- *Physics Club*
  - a. Sen. Martin, to set precedence for future.... Have EMS prepared on Sunday to remain consistent with all other organizations
  - b. Is there a particular reason why club did not attend meeting until last minute?
    - i. Didn't want too many event planning simultaneously, but it was requested by club members...
  - c. Sen. Santacruz moves to fund event in requested amount of \$130

## Miscellaneous Business

- A. Indigenous People Bill
  - a. Third week of hearing
  - b. Any points of discussion on this bill?
    - i. Pres. Duarte, says Pres. Herzberger supports the bill and requests this to be presented if passed to senior staff and Alan Lund
    - ii. Let all our records be known, roll call vote
  - c. Roll Call Vote: Sen. Manning Y, Sen. Dueñas A, Sen. Michelle Ordonez Y, Sen. Hannah Martin Y, Sen. Erica Wendt Y, Sen. John Parviainen Y, Sen. Katie Clendening Y, Sen. Lorena Heymans Y, Sen. Alfredo Santacruz Y, Sen. Alyssa Kimbell Y, Sen. Rudy Marquez Y, Sen. Jazmin Ringgold A, Sen. Jacob Contreras A, Sen. Priscilla Rodriguez A, Sen. Will McKenzie Y, Sen. Vica Malgina Y
    - i. Unanimous vote, Indigenous People Bill Passes
  - d. Copy of bill will be scanned with two signatures and sent to the ASWC
- B. BYOD, VCL Discussion
  - a. Will continue to add to the list from Dr. Morris, Prof. Van Osboree and faculty...

- b. VCL is short term and effecting students now
  - c. BYOD should be clarified with students and how it will effect the future
- C. Environmental Action Bill**
- a. Authored by member of the public, Madeleine McMurray... first in authored bills to be solely authored by a member of the bill
  - b. First Reading by the author
  - c. Let it be resolved that Environmental Committee integrate the Environmental Action Council with a new Senate position entitled “Environmental Action Council Representative”
  - d. Will be it’s own governing body, with an additional individual on the table, will be a voting member of the Senate
  - e. Sen. Martin, perspective as chair of Environmental Committee, it’s a lot of responsibility and a representative would provide the backing on Senate
  - f. Intended that clubs that may be constituents of the Environmental Committee of the Chair, sustainability club voiced interest in becoming first constituent
  - g. Potential: Poets Recycle, Raising Awareness for the Environment etc. are possible clubs that would fall under this interest
  - h. Funding may be effected for this governing body?
    - i. All governing bodies receive \$750 per semester from our account
    - ii. Something in the bill to be amended to be considered and discussed
  - i. Will environmental committee dissolve? Discuss this within next 3 weeks
    - i. Yes, written in the bill, the committee will dissolve
    - ii. Pres. Duarte suggests that Environmental Committee in second clause resolution, therefore... this committee would be amended in the constitution on p.6
  - j. Pres. Duarte applauds Maddie for writing a piece of legislature, perhaps this will normalize this in the future
- D. Advisors and Funding Requests**
- a. Further discussion
  - b. Sen. Manning, only specific to Senators about speaking but does not address Advisor
  - c. Not within the Constitution, may be we should implement this
  - d. Dr. Sobers brought to the attention in Section VI, Article D, that advisors do not hold voting rights in comparison to Senators on the table
  - e. If interested in proposing a bill submit to Vice-Pres. Rashid by Sunday afternoon for the agenda

**E. Double Standard on Workout Dress Code**

- a. Student's workout clothes did not meet the specifications, found this an issue because male students were not held to the same standard
  - i. Athletic Department hired new strength and conditioning coach requires no shoulder and armpits to be showed in weight room because sanitary concerns
  - ii. Sen. Wendt was aware of male constituents that were sent back due to dress code as well
- b. No specifics on the female's actual attire
- c. Promotes positive hygiene in attempt to prevent hand foot mouth disease, and staff infection
- d. Sen. Malgina, wearing a t-shirt may promote additional perspiration
- e. Pubic- is this specifically to the gym? Hygiene can be considered in other settings as well
- f. Sen. Santacruz, if individuals are treated unfairly this is something to follow up with staff to prevent unfair treatment

**F. Parking Ticket**

- a. Whittier College's concern with school and relationship with neighborhood- in attempt to prevent further conflict of block permit parking
- b. Look into slips received by constituents
- c. Students are making sacrifices and there are no laws, then campus safety has no right (it's considered border line harassment), if these notices are placed
- d. Sen. Ordonez, constituents report there isn't even parking available during 9-3PM at the Methodist Church etc. which makes it very difficult
  - i. Magaly Pere of Campus Safety stated that stadium parking was not utilized by students
  - ii. Another parking task force representative may offer context and rational if available to speak at meeting – advertise that thru student-L
- e. Sen. Martin, has it ever been presented that parking cost money, to help fund for parking structures etc.?
  - i. Dir. Allman, discussed several years ago by Board of Trustees... financially unrealistic
  - ii. School has outgrown footprint on space
  - iii. School would have to take loan against itself, and the opportunity cost outweighed the practicality

- iv. Building and Grounds has not discussed in the immediate horizon, given the school must recover from the SLC project
- v. Underground parking with new dorm has been suggested, not possible financially just yet.

**G. Residential Halls**

- a. Sen. Martin, many complaints- facilities complaints
  - i. Heard that trustees are not aware of our facilities
  - ii. There is a disconnect
- b. Dir. Allman, it is a major discussion on Grounds and Building
  - i. Has been a major concern
  - ii. A lot of it is due to finances
  - iii. Large effort, revolved around retention in first-year students
  - iv. Big concern of administration- but falls down to funding and what is allocated (not Res Life's fault)
  - v. Perhaps we could compile reports on facilities and concerns, 2 weeks until that meeting
  - vi. Unfortunately it's a very slow process
- c. Alumni and communication with trustees were unaware of the conditions
  - i. Maybe enough information will show the initiative to get things done and making it happen
- d. Dir. Boynton, maybe to establish representatives in Res Hall buildings with RA's or something to communicate problems
- e. Dir. Allman, difficult working with trustees- have evidence to back up and take record of these concerns
- f. Sen. Kimbell, Whittier College is ranked 9 in worse dorms of US... just embarrassing
- g. Compile pictures and issues, encourage students to speak with student feedback and get this going
  - i. Make this sooner than later so Dir. Allman has this information available for his meeting with Building and Grounds Committee
- h. Pres. Duarte- all of you please construct feedback for him to share in State of ASWC address with Board
  - i. Perhaps by Friday, Saturday of this week- ask of all Senators to take part in this
- i. Dir. Allman, it might be more effective to get involvement of entire table because it is an important topic- maybe have a few senators visit each dorm
  - i. We might be able to collect more beneficial information

- j. Public- students have the mentality that people don't care about student living conditions and no response from facilities and administrations
- k. Dr. Morris reiterates any issue... linked to retention... senior staff is concerned
  - i. Strategizing short term and long term changes
  - ii. Large remodel projects vs. fixing small problems makes a difference
  - iii. Prioritizing smaller things that can be accomplished and advocating that
- l. Pres. Duarte- Numbers. How many dorms, who is effected etc.

### **Announcements**

- a. Athenian society is selling bracelets for \$1 to raise awareness for breast cancer awareness
  - b. "We Bleed Purple" shirts will now be sold in the book store
    - i. Any students who have not yet received- just send them to LEAP office
  - c. Determining which clubs/orgs are active by checking OrgSync
  - d. November 5<sup>th</sup>, EMS is going live for Jan and Spring
  - e. DubSync Madness video is available, link will be shared
  - f. Res. Life will be launching quality of life survey going live tomorrow, about 35 questions because last 2 months compiling
    - i. Pres. Duarte perhaps we could meet concerning the results to share and compile
    - ii. Encourage table to spread the survey to increase response with constituents
  - g. Campus Safety tweeted back, that they are issuing warnings not actual tickets... Senate replied Advocacy will be reaching... direct questions to [parking@whittier.edu](mailto:parking@whittier.edu)
- V. Meeting is adjourned at 9:44PM by Pres. Duarte

Respectfully Submitted by Tana Duong, *Secretary of ASWC*