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Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2015

- I. **Meeting is called to order at 7:07PM**
- II. **Moment of Silence**
- III. **Inspirational quote Sen. Manning**
 - a. “Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.” — Peter F. Drucker
- 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. Ringgold
- 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. Dueñas, Sen. Michelle Ordonez, Sen. Hannah Martin, Sen. Erica Wendt, Sen. John Parviainen Sen. Katie Clendening, Sen. Alfredo Santacruz, Sen. Alyssa Kimbell, Sen. Rudy Marquez, Sen. Jazmin Ringgold, Sen. Will McKenzie, Dr. Morris, Dr. Sobers, Dr. Kjellberg
 - b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Lorena Heymans, Sen. Jacob Contreras, Sen. Vica Malgina
 - c. **Unexcused:** Sen. Priscilla Rodriguez
- VI. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Approved by Sen. Manning
- VII. **President’s Message- President Duarte**
 - a. Senator of the Month awarded to Sen. Dueñas
 - a. Kept President Duarte on his toes
 - b. Sen. Dueñas is a good example to follow
 - b. Pres. Duarte and Vice-Pres Rashid will be attending a meeting tomorrow to talk about the new Indigenous Bill

- c. Senators please email about the Board of Trustees- email directly to senate@poets.whittier.edu to automatically send to E-board
 - a. Email by Wednesday this week

I. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Zamora

ASWC ACCOUNTS	
Executive Budget Balance:	\$ 6789.78.
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 30,660.00
TOTAL ASWC FUNDS:	
• <i>General Fund:</i>	<i>\$10,279.46</i>
• <i>Total Funds Allocated:</i>	<i>\$62,747.46</i>
Total Requests Pending:	
• <i>First Readings Pending:</i>	<i>\$4,515.00</i>
• <i>Second Readings Pending:</i>	<i>\$450.00</i>
RELATED ACCOUNTS	
Program Board Account:	\$41,461.65
Media Council Account:	\$173,399.10

II. Constituent Reports

- a. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Manning*
 - a. Met 12PM, at the Spot every Mondays
 - b. possible first-year events like ice skating or sports night
- b. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Duenas*
 - a. Vice-Pres and I spoke in front of Academics, had two department chairs reach out
 - b. Will be meeting with Econ department tomorrow
- c. Sen. Ordonez
 - a. In talks of planning for Thanksgiving themed CSA meeting
 - b. perhaps provide bike blocks?
 - 1. Dir. Allman , unsure about logistics but some do exist
- d. Residential Hall Rep- Sen. Martin

- a. Will email res life for better reading of various dorm temperatures
 - b. trash and coyote situation has improved
- e. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Erica Wendt*
 - a. Student last week was turned down for a ride that was less than a mile away at night- will discuss at advocacy meeting
- f. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Parviainen*
 - a. Constituent asks who they should contact if RA and facilities has not responded to issues such as AC. No response for 2 months
 - 1. Vice-Pres. Rashid, please tell them to remind RA and then speak with Joe Melendez, Area Coordinator and Res. Life
- g. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Heymans*
 - a.
- h. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Clendening*
 - a. Positive response about Universal trip, only complaint was there was not enough tickets
- i. Diversity Caucus Rep- *Sen. Santacruz*
 - a. Dia de los Muertos event by the CI happened today
 - b. Will be emailing concerns reported from constituents
 - 1. Cultural Center event funding, refer to Title V- funding for Hispanic students to allow for betterment of students and retention
 - 2. The Cultural Center program funding is \$0 and does not receive any funds from the Title V
 - 3. Sen. Santacruz wants to look into this, will work with Advocacy
 - 4. Continue discussion under Miscellaneous, letter c.
- j. Inter-Club Council Rep- *Sen. Kimbell*
 - a. ICC meeting Thursday, 4:30 Club 88
 - b. Looking for another representative to train for the following year
- k. Social Justice Coalition- *Sen. Marquez*
 - a. SJC looking for new Exec Board members
- l. Media Council Rep- *Sen. Ringgold*
 - a. Media Council film festival starts this week, currently have 10 teams- will continue to accept teams
 - 1. Showing will be Nov. 11th, in the Campus Courtyard
 - 2. Guest speaker from film industry will be speaking
 - b. QC has a “dark week” because 6 members are away at Conference

- c. Sigma Delta Tau have 10 line poem competition, with Tony Barnstone- submit poem to win and be printed on the mug and sold t new bakery/café
- m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Rep- *Sen. Contreras*
 - a. N/A
- n. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Rep- *Sen. Rodriguez*
 - a. N/A
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. McKenzie*
 - a. Palmer Society Rush, Penn Society, Athenian Society
 - b. lunA dance, catch bus in front of Philadelphia House
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Malgina*
 - a. N/A

III. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Rashid
 - a. Just finished another governing body's constitutions
 - 1. have noticed problems will be meeting senators to discuss any flaws – see how you want to deal with your governing bodies
- b. Budget- Treasurer Zamora
 - a. Budget discussed first and second readings
- c. Campus Relations- Dir. Boynton
 - a. Meeting tomorrow, 4:30 in Senate office
 - b. Will be discussing possible newsletter- about senate information will be discussed
- d. Elections- Secretary Duong
 - a. Working on application for Treasurer, for next term
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Allman
 - a. Working on sharing pictures from homecoming
 - b. sending out a survey within the week to ask for feedback on week
 - c. Going to conference in two weeks- how school events are planned, organizational structure, will be representing and presenting with Dr. Sobers at the conference
 - d. Constituent mentioned there needs to be an amendment on SJC, does not receive funding- will meet administrative
 - e. Vending machines have credit card option but do not work- will look into
 - 1. You can contact the company and they will send a gift card to reimburse
- f. Advocacy- President Duarte

- a. Will be meeting Tuesday, 4:30 with Magaly Perez from Campus Safety will be attending
 - 1. Discuss parking situation
- g. Culinary- Sen. Clendening
 - a. Met last Wednesday, will not be meeting this Wednesday
 - b. Attempting to schedule meeting with James Dial Thursday, November 12th and that is open to anyone who would like to come
- h. Environmental- Sen. Martin
 - a. Second reading of the bill today
 - b. Today in environmental class- Sean Larson, grounds management, accused committee of not resolving issues, known as “water police” states water polo could easily cover the pool
 - 1. Sen. Martin is personally frustrated with facilities
 - 2. Will be meeting Thursday at 4PM and bringing up to Bill Weimann
- i. Student Feedback- Sen. Marquez
 - a. Looking at forum for November 16th perhaps- concerning Res Life and dorms
 - 1. could possibly do giveaways for Lumi’s tickets or water bottles
 - 2. Please contribute any input
- j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Rashid
 - a. Working with Sen. Dueñas to make sure this is up and running
 - b. after meeting with Dean Good, able to see more receptive response from developing student councils
 - c. Start asking professors “Hey when are we having elections for our department” shows interest towards the council
 - 1. You are able to vote in every single department you have taken a class in- so you don’t have to vote for specifically your major’s department

IV. Public Voice -

- a. Doug- spoke with Pres. Duarte, water problem in the Upper Village
 - a. This violates health and safety codes in CA
 - b. The art building is the closest
 - c. Supplied with water tanks, but the tanks are always empty- replaced with permanent water line but it is now broken – please note on record that we are requesting for water source
 - 1. Pres. Duarte contacted John Best and Bill Weinmann, followed up with Dean Perez—will further discuss at Thursday’s meeting

- b. Joe Melendez- Vending Machine follow up
 - a. Res. Life oversees about 90% of the machines
 - b. Tina Corral is able to reimburse for the machine right in Res Life- request what machine so that it can be called in and fixed
- c. Eryn Wells- cockroaches in Stauffer since the first day of school
 - a. Talked to Res Life and the dean- states that exterminator comes once a month but still no improvement, what else could we do
 - b. Facilities requests are made by the RAs
 - 1. Will look into how often the exterminator is coming
- d. Heating Questions regarding Res Halls
 - a. Temperature disparity throughout Res Halls
 - b. Definitely report to RA for work orders
 - 1. Joe Melendez says various thermostats in zones- if a window is open, certain zones and appliances affect the thermostat
 - c. Survey for Res Life closes November 24th

V. First Readings

- a. Rocket Wednesday- *Whittier College Engineering Team*
 - a. Requesting \$100 for rocket motors, recommended \$100
 - b. Second time event takes place
 - c. Will be scanning ID cards on who attends and launching rockets
 - d. Will be funding most of the event themselves, just asking for funding to help subsidize
 - e. Right in front of the Art Building
 - f. Printing the rocket through 3D printer, funded by senate last year- can keep afterwards or they will be recycled
 - g. Rumor that rockets will fly so high it might hit a plane, but changed the motor so no longer a problem
 - h. Need event to be fast-tracked because misinterpreted the deadline to request funding by accident
 - i. Event will still happen but less rockets will be possible
 - j. Fast tracked by Sen. Marquez
- b. Week of Action- *Who Cares? We Care!*
 - a. Requesting \$600, total recommended \$550
 - b. concern- the club won't hold that many people
 - c. Are you really expecting 200 people to show up?
 - 1. A lot of teachers are offering extra credit

- d. Sen. Ordonez, will the banner be reusable? Yes, be assured the Senate logo will printed on it
 - 1. Banner will be erasable
- e. Event fast-tracked by Sen. Santacruz, letter e.
- c. Thalian Rush- *Thalian Society*
 - a. Requesting \$150, recommended \$150
 - b. Will food be off campus or on campus? Off campus
- d. It's On Us- *Who Cares? We Care!*
 - a. Requesting \$2,250 for T-Shirts, recommended \$0
 - b. Would like to order 500 shirts for \$4.50 each
 - 1. Will be distributed to Athletes and Society Members
 - 2. Sen. Parviainen, budget is low for the semester
 - c. Treasurer Zamora, funding policy states we don't fund giveaways
 - d. Dir. Boynton, perhaps ask other departments for funding as well
 - 1. Contact SAAC representative and if their governing body would like to input funds as well
 - e. Ask other organizations to participate as well
 - f. Design- "It's on us" with Whittier logo
- e. HIC JBoog Reggae Concert- *Hawaiian Islander's Club*
 - a. Total requested \$1,415, total recommended \$1,115
 - b. Hosting events like this for a while now, will be open to the entire student body
 - c. How many club members? Approximately 30 active participants
 - 1. How will you advertise and prioritizing 30 tickets to student body
 - 2. Provides an equal opportunity for members and everyone goes about it the same way
 - d. Concerns that there are as many club member as tickets available, but the ticket sales will go through LEAP and regulated
 - e. This organization has done this event five times in the past successfully, said by Dr. Sobers

Daily Calendar Considerations

- a. Drag Show- *TOBGLAD*
 - 2. Funded in the requested amount of \$100
 - 3. November 23rd, 7:30PM
- b. Math Club Meeting- *Math Club Meeting*
 - 1. Will not be funded, no representative present.

- c. Metaphonian Rush- *Metaphonian Society*
 - 1. Will not be on campus, no need to go through Bon Appetit
 - 2. Sen. McKenzie moves to fund in requested amount, \$150
- d. Rocket Wednesday- *Whittier College Engineering Team*
 - 1. Requesting \$100
 - 2. The first 30 people, 3D printer is currently printing at the moment
 - 3. Sen. Martin moved to fund for requested amount
- e. Week of Action- *Who Cares? We Care!*
 - 1. Sen. Santacruz moved to fund in requested amount of \$600
 - 2. Point of information, please try to come in early and not fast-track

Miscellaneous Business

- a. BYOD/VCL
 - a. Contacting Dr. van Osboree about facts to be printed as QC ad on VCL
 - b. Encourage student feedback concerning policy shift on campus
 - c. Sen. McKenzie stated constituents request professors give tutorial or that students could be better informed about the tutorials provided- unaware
 - d. Needing to have a flash drive, was not stated in syllabus, maybe provide that information in the future because “Virtual Computer Lab”
- b. Environmental Action Council Bill- Second Reading
 - a. Read with revisions
 - b. Concerns from constituents through Sen. Kimbell
 - i. Why do we need another committee if only 2 active environmental committee- maybe an environmental senator instead of an entire council?
 - ii. Want the chair to be a voting chair, representing the environmental constituents
 - c. Pres. Duarte- the ad hoc committees are implemented depending on the needs of the campus- environmental has always been a need
 - i. Sees it might be counter-productive where Senate could have committee chairs sit on the table as well
 - d. Sen. Martin believes as Environmental chair has a lot of responsibilities, like a coalition because it unites all the clubs and their efforts are united- similar to SJC, for effective outcome
 - i. Believes a lot to be done, that will continue such as writing grants

- e. SJC is having a difficult time with manpower- you all need to see how this council will be successful because we are not doing enough for this council
- f. Would have to move the clubs and organizations under this new council's jurisdiction, will just take away another club from SJC
- g. Dir. Boynton, we have cut down on the original table, the amount of representation- but last year's goal was to reduce that, adding another representative will contradict that
- h. Sen. Santacruz, there are a lot of issues needed to be addressed- have someone dedicated fully to this would be beneficial for the campus
- i. Sen. Marquez- perhaps this is a problem we should look into later, but four student body representatives is excessive when there is only one residential hall rep
- j. Dir. Allman, work as an entire body to accomplish things- have in the back of your heads, it's just pulling more manpower. We are only as strong as our governing body, and the clubs will continue to be inactive
- k. Sen. Martin, most of the concerns reported are environmental related
- l. Sen. Ordonez, it's a positive thing for the campus- environmental acts now will be better for the future
- m. Maybe student body reps could assist with this as well, at large representatives
- n. Pres. Duarte, there's no where in Constitution that the chair of the committee needs to be a member of the senate, doesn't necessarily have to be a senator to run
 - i. Maddie could be the chair hypothetically and be the relay
 - ii. That's why we have committees rather than a chair for every concern- similar to how the U.S. Senate works
- o. Sen. Martin, no efficiency in relaying information
- p. Maddie- this effort is to be proactive on campus
- q. Point of information, Maddie has tried to reach out to clubs that are inactive
- r. Sen. Marquez- is there a way we could see the student body's opinion- Sen. McKenzies says that we have voting next week- we could vote to table the bill until next
- s. Sen. Martin moves to close the discussion, objection because public voice
- t. Max Hoverstein- it could be helpful, and formalizing this representation has the formal authority behind any environmental action

- u. Sen. Manning, this sets precedence that students have concerns regarding administration, advocacy etc. how will they be equally heard on the table as well
- v. Sen. Marquez, honestly get feedback of constituents
- w. Dr. Sobers, please cc. the cabinet and advisors to your emails if you are not getting a response from administration and facilities
- c. The Title V funding
 - a. Diversity Council proposed discussion because the Cultural Center is not being allocated
 - b. WC is a HSI (Hispanic serving institution) recipient
 - c. Relay the message back to the board of trustees, but yes speak with constituents and they see this as a significant problem
 - d. School is receiving this money yet is not going towards the programming
 - e. Dir. Allman, huge concern of Latino students being served
 - f. They could use the funds for other resources like computers, tutoring support etc.

Announcements

- a. Dir. Allman, please encourage your constituents to send as much information to report to Board of Trustees, so we can synthesize information and report it by Wednesday
 - i. This is our opportunity, we are all fed up with concerns, this is our chance to help represent the student body without this information
 - b. E board discussed checking in with pods. You will be contacted by your pod leaders later this week to discuss Senate
 - c. It's the Importance of Women Leadership week.
 - d. The environmental committee is meeting on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30, attend to give feedback about the bill
 - e. Use the student feedback boxes
 - f. Grad school fair is this Wednesday
- VI. Meeting is adjourned at 10:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Tana Duong, *Secretary of ASWC*