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Meeting Minutes for February 1st, 2016

1. Meeting is called to order at 7:10 PM

2. Moment of Silence

3. Inspirational quote read by Sen. Kimbell

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind” -C.S. Lewis

4. Mission Statement

1. 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 Pres. Martin

5. Roll Call- Secretary Duong

1. **Present:** President Robert Duarte, Vice-President Amer Rashid, Treasurer Cesar Zamora, Director Leah Boynton, Secretary Tana Duong, Director Cody Allman, Sen. Manning, Sen. Dueñas, Sen. Michelle Ordonez, Sen. Hannah Martin, Sen. Erica Wendt, Sen. John Parviainen, Sen. Lorena Heymans, Sen. Alfredo Santacruz, Sen. Alyssa Kimbell, Sen. Rudy Marquez, *Media Council Representative* (Michael Willrich), Sen. Priscilla Rodriguez, Sen. Will McKenzie, Sen. Vica Malgina Dr. Morris, Dr. Sobers, Dr. Kjellberg

2. **Absent excused:** Sen. Jazmin Ringgold, Sen. Katie Clendening, Sen. Jacob Contreras

3. **Unexcused:**

6. Minutes Amendment/Approval

1. Approved by Sen. Heymans

7. Personnel Issue

1. Appointment of Maddie McMurray as Environmental Action Representative
2. All are in favor, appointed Rep. McMurray
 1. Will spearhead writing request for environmental grant

8. Guest Speaker- Assistant Dean Elizabeth Schrock

1. WC is partaking in Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct Survey

1. This will assess how the students feel about this and see how our services reach students
 2. Here to ask Senate for assistance to share this survey with students
 3. We should advertise the intentions of this survey, what the office is seeking to find from Dir. Boynton
 4. This will be going on Feb. 15th, it is a national survey and we will be able to benchmark our results with 60 other colleges
 5. Will take approximately 15- 30 min
 6. Sen. Santacruz suggests perhaps we set up locations where students can access this
 7. Perhaps reach out to professors specifically with Sociology departments and such to encourage this survey- Rep. McMurray
 8. Perhaps wear a color that we could all wear and grab attention to the cause- Dir. Boynton
2. We Care club is accepting applications/ auditions for the “Vagina Monologues”
 1. Empowering, funny etc. speeches to making an impact on campus
 2. Contact Elizabeth Schrock or Sara Molina at eschrock@whittier.edu
 3. @WeCareWhittier on Twitter, Instagram

9. President’s Message- President Duarte

1. Welcome back, excited for the Spring semester

Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Zamora

ASWC ACCOUNTS	
General Fund Balance:	\$69,000.00
Total Funds Allocated Thus Far:	\$0.00
Operational Account Balance:	\$ 11,000.00
Reserve Account Balance:	\$ 10,660.92
PRENDING REQUESTS	
First Readings Pending	\$2,345.00
Daily Calendar Considerations:	N/A
RELATED ACCOUNTS <i>as of 10.30.2015</i>	
Program Board Account:	\$24,000.00
First Year Class Council (FCC):	\$1,032.50
Diversity Council (DC):	\$1,118.59
Inter-Club Council (ICC):	\$8,314.25
Social Justice Coalition (SJC):	\$2,998.00
Media Council (MC) Account:	\$58,800.00
Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC):	\$1,326.28
Inter-Society Council (ISC):	\$2,889.92

***First Readings Pending \$27,599.55**

1. Constituent Reports

1. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Dueñas*
 1. The Business departmental class council app deadline will be this Friday
2. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Manning*
 1. FCC was not able to meet
3. Commuter Rep- *Sen. Ordoñez*
 1. Worked with Vice-Pres. Rashid on constitution
 2. Looking for new cabinet members
 3. Constituents ask about Upper Village after the Science building is done- concerned that there will not be parking available
4. Residential Hall Rep- *Sen. Martin*
 1. A lot of constituents felt unsafe on campus- would like to hear about any reports of this from others
 2. Met with Res Life concerning survey results
 1. Would like to focus on programs for the campus
 2. There is not enough funding regarding WiFi etc.
 3. Accessibility issues will be discussed later
5. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Erica Wendt*
 1. Multiple constituents are concerned about safety, and being in a safe environment
 1. Make sure we are a voice for these constituents- encourage student feedback meetings Monday at 5PM
6. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Parviainen*
 1. Constituent in Turner asks when the WiFi project will be finished
 2. What's the possibility of calling in orders at the Spot
 1. Will speak to Culinary Committee
 2. May be practical for students and Bon Appetit
7. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Clendening*
 1. N/A
8. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Heymans*
 1. Constituents concerns regarding power outages in Ball
 2. Inconvenience with charging fob keys and fees for calling campus safety
9. Diversity Caucus Rep- *Sen. Santacruz*
 1. Will be having a meeting in the LEAP conference room tomorrow at 4:30
10. Inter-Club Council Rep- *Sen. Kimbell*

1. Looking for sub for Sen. Kimbell for next year, recommend anyone interested
11. Social Justice Coalition- *Sen. Marquez*
 1. Jessica Rozman will be heading SJC and internal affairs
 2. If you know anyone interested please let Sen. Marquez know
- ~~12.~~ Media Council Rep- ~~*Sen. Ringgold*~~, *Michael Willrich*
 1. Met with Media Council today
 2. Paperback yearbook option- or possibly online
 3. - Announced K-chella will happen this year, date tbd
 4. Got new lights, green screen, camera stabilizers- VPS has new equipment
 5. QCTV has been training with VPS to use this equipment
 6. QC is looking to hire for more writers on staff
13. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Rep- *Sen. Contreras*
 1. n/a
14. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Rep- *Sen. Rodriguez*
 1. Women's basketball tomorrow at CMS
 2. Men's basketball at CMS on Wednesday
 3. Swim meet this week
15. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. McKenzie*
 1. Sachsen Society would like support in their request to fund Psych Circus as well as William Penn Society's Penntronic
16. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Malgina*
 1. Took a vote in ISC to be discussed later,

2. Committee Reports

1. Administrative- *Vice President Rashid*
 1. Constructive discussion during Jan Term Retreat on campus
 2. Would like to implement snaps in support of fellow Senators
 3. Needs every single governing body's constitutions and need face- to-face
 4. would like to remain being a productive senate table
2. Budget- *Treasurer Zamora*
 1. Will talk about application in Elections
3. Campus Relations- *Dir. Boynton*
 1. Anyone planning to be on committee, stay after meeting to determine meeting time
4. Elections- *Secretary Duong*
 1. Treasurer App extended deadline Feb. 15th

2. Will work with Sen. Dueñas to implement departmental council applications through OrgSync
5. Program Board – *Program Board Director Allman*
 1. Welcome Back – we are in the midst of Welcome Back Week
 2. Shout out to Sen. Marquez for chairing this
 3. Blood Drive and Improv Show last Thursday
 4. Art with Sarah took place last Friday, a lot of students showed up
 5. Men’s Rugby vs. Westmont
 6. Karaoke night in Ettinger Lounge taking place at 8PM tonight
 7. 7PM tomorrow, showing of Inside Out in the Campus Center
 8. Thursday, Taste of Culture will take place every Thursday for Black History Month in the CI
 9. Third Annual “First Verse” by Cru and FCA will take place, very successful in the past
 1. Lumi’s giveaway will take place at this event
 10. Look out for emails on these dates later
 11. Spring Fest in March, Lumi’s formal dance will take place in April
6. Advocacy- President Duarte
 1. Have yet to meet for this semester
 2. Would like to see Senators and members of the public to join this committee deal with all the upcoming issues
7. Culinary- *Sen. Clendenning*
 1. Sen. Heymans on her behalf, will be setting up a new time to meet
8. Environmental- *Rep. McMurray*
 1. Will have yet to meet and set meeting times
9. Student Feedback- *Sen. Marquez*
 1. Student Feedback 5PM in senate office, will work with original time
 2. Today they discussed improving student feedback boxes- will make sure they’re done by the end of this week
 3. Would like to try to have a more effective forum- perhaps have a guest speaker, provide refreshments, or provide a more effective forum for students on campus
 1. Come out to help collaborate and work on bettering this
10. Academic Affairs- *Vice-President Rashid*
 1. Making moves for Academic Affairs Council, hosting different elections for each department. Business, Education, Child Development, History and Philosophy are working to form.

2. Keep in mind Political Science and Kinesiology have already had elections- already meeting and making a difference
3. Will be meeting first and third Wednesday of every month, 5:00-6:00 PM
4. Committees meet 5-6 in office
5. Modern languages will be running elections within the month

3. Public Voice

1. Harris C has problems with the hot water- communicating with facilities and such, seems to be a reoccurring problem despite RA's efforts
 1. Dir. Boynton, the hot water heater broke and was repaired in beginning of Jan Term but now it is having problems
 2. Treas. Zamora, parts have been ordered and students are encouraged to shower in other residence halls
 3. Director of Facilities, Bill Weinman has ordered new water heater and it will be addressed
2. Athenian Alumni, unacceptable that prospective member of society will not receive accommodations
 1. Will continue discussion in miscellaneous
3. Ball in the side closest to the entrance, the power is out and the fire alarm goes off almost everyday
 1. Did hear complaints about the keys as well

4. First Readings

1. First Verse- FCA
 1. Already funded, Fall 2015
2. Hunger Banquet- *FRN*
 1. Feb. 10th from 5:30- 7:00 PM in Campus Courtyard
 2. Anticipate 50 participants
 3. Request funding for program supplies
 4. Total request of \$157.68, total recommended \$
 5. Interactive event- participants will be assigned a card- to spread awareness for food waste with meal of spaghetti or
 6. Reserve spot for 50 participants on OrgSync
 7. Fast tracked event to Daily Calendar Considerations
3. PENNtronic 2016- *William Penn Society*
 1. Total request \$15,541
 2. Will have student DJ competition- hopefully save money and involve community

3. Current students designing and providing their talents- such as alumni DJ's and video production by active member
4. Promotional video trailers to build excitement
5. Fundraising will cover giveaways and production of videos
 1. Sen. Dueñas requests how much the society is contributing
6. Sen. McKenzie, very successful event in the past
 1. The society has shown initiative in including the community for this
 2. Asks how the DJ competition will go
7. Sen. Martin asks if there is anything more introduced to emphasize safety at the event
 1. Will be something we could look into- representative
8. Will this be possible to do in the Campus Courtyard?
9. Barricades, requested for funding- can we save costs there?
 1. Dr. Sobers says its required
10. How do you plan on others besides societies being involved in this
11. Sen. Ordoñez, how would you attract commuters on a Saturday night
12. Sen. Parviainen, I've heard students of all enjoying this event not necessarily society
13. Kaplan Students would be allowed to attend this dance
14. Have been praised by Campus Safety multiple occasions in preparation for the safety of this event. The past 9 years
15. Educational component in trailers
16. Come prepared with how your society contributes 5.7% of the funding request, and line item
17. Do you think one event should take up about a quarter of the budget dedicated to this event
18. Highest attended dance, and lower request compared to last year
19. Last year's attendance was 389, 720, 694 the years respectively
4. Psychedelic Circus- *Sachsen Society*
 1. Expected 650, last attendance 400+
 2. Requested \$11,900.03
 3. Total recommended \$8,500.03
 4. Last year was underfunded, this year is the 10th year anniversary
 5. Collaborated with Andrew Tejada and community involvement

6. Working with commuter club- and CSA, met with Sen. Ordoñez to advertise for commuters
 1. To provide meal voucher
7. Will meet with HIC to perform on their stage, and involve their performers
8. Will work with DPP, to be a part of the event and provide some alcohol awareness, prevention... interactive games and activities to educate about the danger of the use of alcohol
9. Involving alumni and students- Project REM (student alumni)
10. Contacting Illuminated Events to work with Kaylyn on lighting and sound for their event
11. Very central location but may attempt to crowd count
12. Rep. McMurray raises concern about Slip N' Slide and water usage
 1. Looking into alternatives to slip n' slide perhaps obstacle course to conserve water
13. Sen. Dueñas commends the org for going out of their way to communicate with representatives
14. DPP program and liquor license concerns
 1. Cash bar, so only pay bartender by an hourly wage
 2. Want to encourage the DPP program rather than discourage
 3. Advertising how to get your sticker- beneficial for the program as well
 4. Contact Andrew Lara, who is specifically the intern for DPP programs
15. Would you not be able to generate other funds to cover the fending for the pub
16. Fundraising efforts include working with XXX-Mas, television show screenings,
 1. Provide a dollar amount of how much was fundraised
 2. Sen. Manning, should not expect a set of fundraising contributions because most of those in attendance are not members of the society
17. Implementing attractions based on 178 results from surveys submitted

5. Daily Calendar Considerations

1. Hunger Banquet- *FRN*
 1. How will you regulate the participants checking in?
 2. Will be priority seating, and first come first serve because 50 cards will exist
 3. Sen. Ordoñez moves to fund event in requested amount of \$157.68

Miscellaneous Business

1. Accessibility and Compliance- *Sen. Malgina and Sen. McKenzie*
 1. Unanimous vote took place at ISC regarding the accessibility of students on campus
 2. Requested accommodation of accessibility
 1. Received negative responses from multiple departments
 3. As a school we need to be ADA compliant
 1. Every department
 4. Sen. Martin is extremely disappointed in Whittier College for providing accommodations
 5. Dean Perez- response
 1. Met with Natasha earlier today to discuss
 2. Apologize for this
 3. The school will tour the campus, and work on signage in compliance with ADA
 4. Rosalba will be touring the campus as well
 6. October to January response
 7. Sen. Malgina shares personal experience with ADA compliance
 1. Sen. Kimbell shares personal account of this as well
 2. Simply told that it is too expensive to put something automated for faculty and students- nothing is fully ADA accessible
 3. Campus Safety's response
 8. Sen. Manning, Lilly is constituent and is upset to see the school's response
 9. Vice- Pres. Rashid, would like to address the general attitude of the school in response to accessibility
 1. Hold the departments accountable
 2. File a formal complaint to the association
 10. Member of the Public, in support of the Athenian Society and was personally

11. Provide transparency of checking the elevators etc.
 1. Publishing the official reports within the last month
12. Why is there no ability to make these accommodations
13. Sen. Heymans, this solution should not be temporary, should be permanent for all students further
 1. As representatives of the school and leaders we need to take this initiative
14. We need an administrator that needs to take charge for this- perhaps a committee or any initiative to ensure this will take place
15. Sen. Duenas genuinely asks what the protocol of this is
16. Sen. Ordonez, it took the PM to speak on her behalf rather than the administrators
17. Member of the public, Abner Wong, we are speaking on behalf of Lilly but we should be able to speak for our entire campus and the future
18. Member of the public, Maxwell Hoverstein, this provides a reoccurring issue with Whittier College
 1. This school has an infrastructure issue- should be a priority
19. Member of the public, if students here are soon to be alumni, we are unhappy and will not feel the draw to give back
20. Pres. Duarte we are here as an institution for the betterment of this broader community
 1. Pres. Herzberger could not be here and sends Dean Perez as her liaison to be here- clarification; she is currently in Washington D.C.
 2. None of us here know the answer, but something needs to happen.
 3. If we have to call an ADA commissioner then we have to
 4. Why are the elevators turned off, why are they not on?
21. Dean Perez, there is a difference between ADA compliance versus
22. Alumni ask, they need a room, any room for the evening and morning—“that’s what they need”
23. Ask the senators for a vote ordered by Pres. Duarte
 1. Take a minute to define what you are voting on
24. Recess break at 9:32 PM
 1. Meeting re-opens at 9:41PM
 2. Senator Heymans moves for a 10 minute recess

3. Opened meeting at 9:55 PM
25. Sen. Heymans moves to hold a vote on statement, roll-call vote
26. Lilly's mom speaks to the table and the public
 1. use this as an opportunity to be positive
 2. change.org make it a thing for every school to have med sleds at schools, sign the petition by Lilly
 3. There are compromises we should make, not necessarily a button on every day but perhaps some of the doors
 4. Can't thank you enough for al your support
2. *President Robert Duarte- yay, Vice-President Amer Rashid- yay, Treasurer Cesar Zamora- yay, Director Leah Boynton- yay, Secretary Tana Duong- yay, Director Cody Allman- yay, Sen. Detrick Manning- yay, Sen. Sofia Dueñas- yay, Sen. Michelle Ordonez- yay, Sen. Hannah Martin- yay, Sen. Erica Wendt- yay, Sen. John Parviainen- yay, Sen. Lorena Heymans- yay, Sen. Alfredo Santacruz- yay, Sen. Alyssa Kimbell- yay, Sen. Rudy Marquez- yay, Media Council Representative (Michael Willrich) - yay, Sen. Priscilla Rodriguez- yay, Sen. Will McKenzie- yay, Sen. Vica Malgina- yay, Rep. Maddie McMurray – yay*
 1. Sen. Jazmin Ringgold, Sen. Katie Clendening, Sen. Jacob Contreras- did not vote
 2. Motion passed unanimously
 3. Something to take away from this process, society going to student government, taken action- first time a group has taken action from the bottom up – utilize the mechanisms that the ASWC as provided for them
 4. Thank you Athenian Society for trailblazing that
 5. Dir. Boynton, contributes statement to Sen. Heymans
 1. Please utilize Exec. Cabinet as a resource, and we can be in attendance and support
 6. Alumni, negativity toward society culture-
 1. Rosalba at Disability's Services, societies are not a part of Whittier campus- unable to provide transportation for Society Rush

Announcements

1. Treas. Zamora will be holding funding request workshop on Wednesday
2. Sen. Martin W
3. Sen. Parviainen, Arbor Ridge informational meeting Tuesday
4. Sen. Marquez, be on the lookout for upcoming Welcome Week events
5. Vice-Pres. Rashid, behalf of SJP, #PoetPAW
 1. Human rights, Israeli-Palestinian conflict

2. Multiple events each day
3. Will have installations etc.
4. An award has been created- Poets for Peace award, open to every member of the Poet Community may be nominated- any individual who has promoted peace on earth
6. Alumni please continue the support, very grateful for your attendance
7. Campus Relations please remain after meeting
8. Sen. McKenzie, NME is upon us and drafted email to student-L, direct constituents if any questions/ concerns
9. Pres. Duarte, campaign, if anyone interested please see them afterwards.
10. Thank you for everyone coming out.
11. Sen. Martin moves to adjourn meeting at 10:18PM

Respectfully Submitted by Tana Duong, *Secretary of ASWC*