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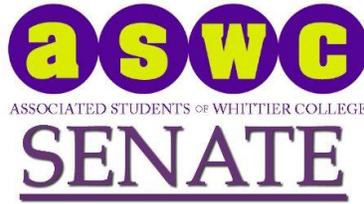
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## Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:05 PM**
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Inspirational quote **Sen. Wells**
  
- 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. Scurr**
  
- V. **Roll Call- Senator Parviainen (Secretary)**
  - a. **Present:** President Rashid, Vice-President Dueñas, Treasurer Heymans, Secretary Parviainen, Director Marquez, Director Manning, Representative McMurray, Sen. Blomso, Sen. Gil, Sen. Jacinto, Sen. Scurr, Sen. Pistolesi, Sen. Laguna, Sen. Brown, Sen. Scriber, Sen. Vega, Sen. Bettridge, Sen. Wells, Sen. Boynton, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Chen, Sen. Fossier
  - b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Campos
  - c. **Unexcused:**
  
- VI. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - a. Amendments made by Sen. Boynton
  - b. Approved by Sen. Vega
  
- VII. **President's Message- President Rashid**
  - a. All of those who have senate-oriented projects should be wrapping those up before the break. If you do not think you have enough time to finish your projects, please communicate that with us. I have a time to meet with various levels of administration to discuss communication and campus safety which will be during finals. This is a very important meeting seeing as though our campus has been experiencing a lot over the past few weeks.
  
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Heymans**

General Fund Balance: \$12,085.00  
Total Funds Allocated Thus Far: \$73,807.31  
Operational Account Balance: \$11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: \$10,593.58  
First Readings Pending: \$1,499.00  
Daily Calendar Considerations: \$8,222.92  
Program Board Account: \$43,101.21  
First Year Class Council (FCC): \$2,532.50  
Diversity Council (DC): \$2,345.84  
Inter-Club Council (ICC): \$4,939.44  
Social Justice Coalition (SJC): \$4,424.42  
Media Council (MC) Account: \$157,759.61  
Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC): \$1,550.54  
Inter-Society Council (ISC): \$3,334.63  
Academic Affairs Council: \$2,720.00

**IX. Constituent Reports**

- a. Academics Affair Council Representative – *Sen. Blomso*
  - a. I am still working with Professor Wallis to discuss funding for study abroad. I am also meeting with students to establish the Religious Studies DSC.
- b. First Year Class Council Representative – *Sen. Gil*
  - a. I spoke with the director of facilities about the slippery sidewalk near the Campus Inn (CI). The director of facilities told me that they are working on fixing the concrete and have brought on an outside entity to evaluate the sidewalk. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> will be a movie night for first-year students
  - b.Pres. Rashid: Put pressure on them to make sure they follow through
- c. Commuter Representative – *Sen. Jacinto*
  - a. Absent at time of report.
- d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Scurr*
  - a. Facilities’ work in Turner should be completed this week but may see setbacks because showers have flooded. There will be information going out on how to apply for a Residential Advisor (RA). Dead lightbulbs in Turner have been addressed.
- e. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Pistolesi*
  - a. The water in the Turner showers has gotten warmer, but still takes too long to get warm.
- f. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Laguna*
  - a. I have important information from constituents about the media funding bill.
  - b.Pres Rashid: When will the new sports management major be implemented?

c. Sen. Laguna: I am unsure; however, Professor Barlow met with Dean Good about the major and said it went well.

- g.** Student Body Representative – *Sen. Brown*
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- h.** Student Body Representative – *Sen. Scriber*
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- i.** Diversity Council Representative – *Sen. Vega*
  - a. If any other organizations would like to participate in diverse identities month, please contact me! Students are concerned with dim lighting on Earlham and do not want to get hit by cars.
- j.** Inter-Club Council Representative – *Sen. Bettridge*
  - a. The next ICC meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> in Club 88. We had a very long meeting about the spring concert today. There will be four sub committees to work on the concert. Tickets will go on sale next semester!
- k.** Social Justice Coalition Representative – *Sen. Wells*
  - a. The next SJC meeting will be tomorrow from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the LEAP Office. The seconded draft of the Students’ Bill of Rights is being worked on this week. We have not released a new draft because we do not want any rumors spreading about language that is set in stone. I am meeting with my co-chairs of SJC on Wednesday about the bill. I mentioned last week about sending out a campus safety fact sheet to the student body and it will be out by the end of the week via Student-L and OrgSync.
- l.** Media Council Representative – *Sen. Boynton*
  - a. KPOET is still working on “Cozy Concerts” with QCTV and is working on having a political talk show with political science students. They are hosting the first Open Mic next Thursday at 7:00pm and the location is TBD. QC is printing two more times this semester and will be working on publishing via a website for next semester. WCSN is working on a sports talk show and will be touring NFL TV studios this weekend. Cal State LA contacted WCSN to help them with developing their own broadcasting program. QCTV has an episode about the police shooting that will be pushed out. VPS is writing a web series and is working out of Wardman Residence Hall, but this has not been a preferable work space because the Wi-Fi is slow.
    - b. Sen Fossier: Club 88 is an ideal place for the Open Mic Night.
- m.** Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Representative – *Sen. Angileri*

- a. Basketball went to Washington for Thanksgiving break. Swim has a meet at La Verne on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Women's basketball is playing Cal State Fullerton tonight.
- n. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Representative – *Sen. Campos*
  - a. Absent
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Representative – *Sen. Fossier*
  - a. Mets are having an academic event in Club 88 on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Representative – *Sen. Chen*
  - a. We met with ISC today and the Sachsens are collaborating on a food drive for AIDS awareness. They are asking for non-parishable food donations
  - b. Vice President Dueñas: I do not have a constituency; however, a student was asking me about a 24 hour counselor on call. There is a counselor on call, but the primary role is to prevent destructive situations in which you may hurt yourself or others. They are not there to have an on the phone session. From a student prospective, I had no idea that was the case. I wanted to bring this to your attention. There are services that cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 for students to speak with a counselor as they would if they were to walk in appointment.
  - c. Associate Dean Josh Hartman: Sometimes Campus Safety are not mental health professionals so they often times will direct you to call the counselor on call. There are many free on call crisis counselors in Los Angeles that you can call 24 hours a day if there is a problem.
  - d. Sen Fossier: We should review how many students actually call this service and if we were to fund a larger service, we would need to see those numbers so we are not wasting thousands of dollars.

## **X. Committee Reports**

- a. Administrative – Vice President Dueñas
  - a. Our voting threshold may change during the spring semester via a bill I am working on. At one time, E-Board discussed semester reports. This is something we are discussing in Cabinet. Do you all think it would be useful to do a semester report? The reason is that each senator will be doing an end of the year report and it may be easier to have a semester report to reflect on.
  - b. Sen. Boynton: I think it is important to do semester reports because it is nice to look back on what you have accomplished and you can also set goals for the next semester based on the reports.

- c. Sen. Fossier: We have changed our constitution so that ICC reps will stay on throughout the spring semester and new candidates will shadow us at the end of the semester.
- b. Budget – Treasurer Heymans
  - a. Budget did not meet today. Media Council’s account has \$13,646.02
- c. Campus Relations – Dir. Manning
  - a. We did not meet last week for break, but I am still working on the board outside of the Senate office. We will use the board to promote the spring concert
  - b. Sen. Scurr: there should be a list of committees and meeting times posted on the board
- d. Elections – Secretary Parviainen
  - a. I have been working on a Secretary help-sheet this semester and will be uploading to the Dropbox by the end of the semester. I am also beginning to brainstorm on how to advertise and market the spring ASWC elections and would love any feedback.
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
  - a. We will meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm in the LEAP Boardroom and will be working on committees for the spring concert.
- f. Advocacy – President Rashid
  - a. We are excited about working with Sen. Wells and SJC on the Students’ Bill of Rights. Additionally, I would like to remind media organizations in terms of finding a space for VPS that we are still more than willing to help find a viable location.
- g. Culinary – Sen. Scriber
  - a. We did not meet last week but are still in contact with James Dial, Director of Bon Appetit, about concerns and improvements in the CI and the Spot. We meet Fridays in the Senate office at 4:30 pm.
  - b. Sen. Vega: Lent will be happening during the Spring semester in the CI. I would like to ask for real protein and not just fish or veggies for lunch.
- h. Environmental – Rep. McMurray
  - a. We are hoping to have posters up about the food audit posted in the CI by the end of this week. I am working on a film to tell people about food waste accompanied by an activity
- i. Student Feedback – Sen. Scurr
  - a. We will be meeting this Friday at 2:00pm in the Senate office. I am working on the Town Hall for the spring semester. We are debating on whether or not to use the Campus Courtyard or the Chapel for the Town Hall location.

- j. Academic Affairs – Vice-President Dueñas
  - a. I will be meeting with Josh Hartman, Sen. Blomso, and Sen. Bettridge pertaining to academic organizations and finding an advisor.
- k. Student Finance – President Rashid
  - a. We are currently putting together a list of questions for VP of Finance James Dunkelman about the college’s finances. The work we are currently doing will be carried over into the spring semester.

**XI. Public Voice**

- a. Professor of English and Journalism Jim Donnelly (Advisor to KPOET QC, QCTV): I am not here advocating for myself, or for members of media organizations, but for all students on campus. I have spent 26 years as a journalist and have lived through very different times. There is a fight brewing for the ability to self-govern and to express yourselves. The role you play in that fight is so great. The media groups here have the ability to be the best. The students on this campus are the best. I respect the proposal made by senate to media council, but I truly believe that we need to invest in free and vibrant press. There are many forces now who are trying to squash a free and vibrant press. Please do not cut Media Council’s funding.
- b. Hugo Guzman (Poet Alumni): I wrote for the QC for four years. I know firsthand that this is one of the most valuable resources that we have on campus. The QC really does make a difference. As I have traveled to different colleges, students do not know what is going on with clubs, administrations, Greek life, etc. Whittier’s campus is very unique in that we have the ability to enlighten our student body on what is happening on campus. People want to see the QC published. I absolutely respect this bill and the need to save money wherever possible, but the QC needs this money now more than ever. The QC is on the verge of making huge growth and it is not the right time to cut funding.

**XII. First Readings**

- a. Basketball Half-Court Shot Prize – SAAC
  - a. No representative present.
- b. De-Stress Event – Commuter Student Association (CSA)
  - a. The De-Stress event will be on Dec. 12th from 11:00am-3:00pm in the Upper Quad. We are expecting 75 participants and are requesting \$490.00 with a recommended amount of \$124.00.
  - b. Nadine Barragan (Advisor of CSA): The Wellness Coalition does de-stress days every semester on reading day. There will be food, obstacle courses, and puppies at the Dezember house. The CSA came to me and wanted to host a de-stress event so I partnered them with the Wellness Coalition and the Counseling Center to put on this event. The hope is that

more commuters come. In the past, many residential students have come to these events, but now that CSA is helping to host the event we are hoping that more commuter students attend. There may be a petting zoo, but that is uncertain at this point.

c.Sen. Scurr: how do you plan to involve commuters?

d.Nadine Barragan: I will be working with Sen. Jacinto to get an e-mail sent out. We will be providing food and also posting on CSA social media pages. The Commuter Students Association is also one of the organizations hosting this event so the hope is that many commuter students are well-aware of this event.

e.Sen. Vega: From my understanding, you have a couple of bodies on campus that are helping put on this event. If we do not fund everything, those bodies will help finance the de-stress event?

f. Nadine Barragan: If we do not receive the full funding for Senate, it is very possible that other departments on campus will help us fund this and generate the necessary amount of funds.

### **XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations**

#### **a. Chess Club Start Up Equipment – Chess Club**

a.Requesting \$222.92, recommended \$0 for eight chess boards. They are expecting 25 participants.

b.Sean Sternberg: I am requesting eight chess boards because that is standard size for a chess tournament (16 competitors) and am looking to have a faculty versus student chess tournament. The cost of this order is usually \$300.00, but I found great deals on Amazon that will reduce the cost. We would like funding for a banner and for recruiting purposes.

c.Sen. Scurr: You had 11 active members last week, has that number since grown? What is the overall strategy for recruiting members?

d.Sean Sternberg: We want there to be two types of memberships for our club – pawns and executive members. The idea is that members of “pawn” status will move up to “executive” members. I said 11 active members last week, but have had a successful recruiting initiative last week so now we have roughly 25-28 pledged students.

e.Sen. Vega: moves to fund in requested amount

f. Sen. Laguna: Seconds the motion

#### **b. OrgSync Renewal – LEAP Office**

a.LEAP is requesting \$8,000 for OrgSync from the Reserve Account.

b.Debbie Allison: Our three year OrgSync contract is expired (implemented in the Fall of 2014). Senate chose to use OrgSync as compared to other sites and made an agreement to a three year contract. We are asking Media

Council, LEAP, the Dean of Students Office, and Senate to renew OrgSync's contract. We are asking more funding from Senate because you represent all constituents and have the most usage of the website. Funding, elections, travel waivers, literally everything that we do on campus will have to be done via paper if OrgSync is not renewed. OrgSync definitely makes life easier for students and have saved so much paper by using ORgSync.

- c. Rep. McMurray: My only concern is that this has to come from the reserve account because we only have \$10,000 in the reserve account.
- d. Pres. Rashid: This is definitely something to think about. We need to figure out a way to fund this because we signed a contract. If we want to take money from both accounts to fund this, it would be a discussion the table needs to have.
- e. Tres. Heymans: We have \$12,000 in our general account. Everything from this semester will roll over.
- f. Sen. Boynton: Are the number of portals available on OrgSync set in stone?
- g. Debbie Allison: We have always had a 100 portal limit. Each year, we have seen that the number of new organizations on campus that are added to OrgSync are equal to the amount of organizations that do not come back. If new portals need to be added by any department on campus, then departments will have to pay for that.
- h. Sen. Bettridge: OrgSync is vital to the success of my clubs. Not funding this would be detrimental to any success that my clubs want to achieve.
- i. Sen. Boynton. Media Council is being asked to fund \$4,000 for OrgSync. Our reserve account is approximately at \$14,000 but we have not voted to fund this yet.
- j. Sen. Blomso moves to fund this in the requested amount
- k. Sen. Scurr seconds the motion

#### **XIV. Miscellaneous Business**

##### **a. By Laws Update Bill (Vice President S. Dueñas, author)**

- a. Article V Section D of the ASWC Senate Bylaws to be amended to read the following: "D. All motions shall require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Senators voting and present to pass, except where specifically stated otherwise."
- b. Article V Section F of the ASWC Senate Bylaws to be amended to read the following: "F. Senators who abstain from a vote will be considered neither affirmative nor negative but will be recorded as abstentions. No senator will be required to abstain from a vote unless they, as individuals, have direct financial gain from the motion;"

- c. Article II: Meetings, Section C and every section after, be amended to reflect the following addition: “C. Motions 1. To obtain the floor to speak, the member will wait to be recognized by the chair. Members must wait until the last speaker has finished before signaling to the chair that they would like to speak. 2. All comments or motions are to be directed to the Chair. 3. Motions must be seconded by another Senator. If there is no second, the motion fails. A second does not indicate support, but rather affirms the Senators interest in discussing the matter further. 4. After a motion has been seconded, the members may debate the motion or move directly to a vote.”
- d. Vice President Dueñas: This bill 1) changes voting threshold to 2/3 vote, rather than majority vote 2) makes the definition of abstention clearer – abstention from voting will only happen if a senator has direct financial gain from the event and 3) makes it so that we cannot hear more than one motion at one time. This will encourage senators to listen to understand, rather than listen to respond. Senators will only be able to raise their hand to question a representative after they are done speaking. Within our By Laws, we do not allow the right of reply. One of the safeguards against this is the way we do motions. We will be encouraging a motion be presented sooner, rather than later, so that conversations can be centered on a common goal.
- e. Sen. Fossier: I would like to see the circling of conversations be reduced. Will future vice presidents be allowed to cut people off so that conversations are not repetitive?
- f. Pres. Rashid: If your colleagues are being repetitive, you need to tell them that they are being repetitive; however, we will never cut off your voices. That directly limits freedom of speech and each of your voices should be the voices of your constituents. Thus, if we cut you off, we do not get to hear your constituents’ concerns.
- g. Vice President Dueñas: Ultimately what we are talking about is the chair’s power to limit repetitiveness in conversation so I would like to hear feedback from all senators.
- h. Sen. Brown: Limiting senators is not something that should be directly stated in the By Laws. Repetitiveness is an issue with this table and we can discuss this in retreats or in closed sessions, but having language that explicitly states that the VP will limit conversation would be detrimental to the legitimacy of the table.
- i. Sen. Bettridge: I move to approve this bill
- j. Sen. Blomso: I second the motion

**b. Keep Whittier Welcoming Bill (Max Hoversten, author, member of ASWC)**

- a. WHEREAS the College often cites its foundation on Quaker values, the likes of which include support for women's rights, abolitionism, and other forms of liberation for oppressed peoples;
- b. WHEREAS the diversity of persons at the College inevitably brings with it differences of opinion on a wide range of issues;
- c. WHEREAS the California State Legislature has released a statement proclaiming that the state will "defend its people and our progress" and not be "dragged back into the past" by any upcoming political actions at the federal level
- d. WHEREAS Whittier College President Sharon Herzberger has signed an open letter to President-elect Trump urging him to "condemn and work to prevent the harassment, hate, and acts of violence that are being perpetrated across our nation", as well as emphasizing that "members of our community... are facing very real threats, and are frightened"
- e. WHEREAS Associated Students of Whittier College President Amer Rashid has released a message affirming that students' "livelihoods and well-being matter to us", as well as acknowledging that "racism, xenophobia, and sexism" formed the "cornerstone" of a "fearmongering" campaign
- f. WHEREAS the Southern Poverty Law Center has collected over 700 reports of "hateful incidents of harassment around the country" since the election, with "nearly 40 percent of all incidents occurred in educational (K-12 schools and university/college) settings" and antiimmigrant harassment being the most commonly reported incident
- g. WHEREAS both President Obama and President-elect Trump have publicly discouraged perpetrating acts of discrimination
- h. LET IT BE RESOLVED that the ASWC publicly denounce the racist, misogynistic, xenophobic, homophobic rhetoric and proposed policies of the recent campaign cycle as incompatible with the mission statement of the ASWC, as well as the Quaker values that Whittier College was founded upon and continues to reference today.
- i. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the ASWC publicly condemn "bias incidents" (as defined by the Student Code of Conduct) connected to the rhetoric employed in the latest campaign cycle, on the grounds of these acts being incompatible with the provision of a welcoming environment for all students, the College's stated belief "that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect" and the Whittier College Nondiscrimination Policy

- j. Member of the Public: This bill will allow for minorities to feel protected. These bills have been passed on other college campuses and we should be creating a safe environment on campus for students.
- k. Sen. Boynton: Does the author want the ASWC Senate to denounce hateful rhetoric, or the ASWC student body? The bill currently states the “ASWC” which is probably a mistake.
- l. Sen. Wells: The author should add Magaly Perez to the list of recipients of this bill and withdraw Dean Elizabeth Schrock’s name because she is leaving the school next week.
- m. Sen. Vega: The author would like the ASWC Senate to publicly denounce all acts of hatred and violence stemming from the past presidential campaigns. Whittier College should be made a sanctuary college, but should be made a separate action aside from this bill.
- n. Sen. Brown: If there is any hesitation by senators on this bill, please talk to me so I can make revisions in order to get the bill passed.
- o. Sen. Boynton: I move to a seven minute recess for Media Council to prepare a presentation.
- p. Vice President Dueñas: We will reconvene at 8:50pm.

**c. Updated Funding & Allocation Bill**

- a. **Officially restarting the meeting at 8:54pm**
- b. WHEREAS, the ASWC Constitution Article III Section B reads: “All members shall pay an ASWC fee of \$120.00 per semester, 65 percent of which will go to the Senate, 35 percent of which will go to Media Council. The fee will be subject to increase based on inflation”;
- c. WHEREAS, Media Council has had a significant carryover of funds over the past two years; From the 2014-2015 budget to the 2015-2016 budget \$106,032.15 dollars were rolled over. From the 2015-2016 budget to the 2016-2017 budget \$100,174.81 dollars were rolled over.
- d. WHEREAS, Media Council was previously responsible for allocating funds towards the Acropolis;
- e. WHEREAS, the Acropolis has not been printed since the 2012-2013 school year;
- f. WHEREAS, the Acropolis was allocated \$40,000 in 2013-2014;
- g. WHEREAS, in 2014-2015 the Acropolis was allocated \$36,495 in the Fall and an additional \$3,000 for additional pages in the Spring, totaling in \$39,495.
- h. WHEREAS, in the 2015-2016 school year, approximately \$36,000 was allocated to the Acropolis;

- i. WHEREAS, the Acropolis was not allocated funds in the 2016-2017 school year;
- j. WHEREAS, while 35% of student body fees is allocated to Media Council, the remaining 65% of student body funds go towards the ASWC Senate Program Board, ASWC Senate Operational Fund, all other governing bodies and the ASWC Senate General Fund to which all other student organizations request funding from;
- k. WHEREAS, in the Fall semester of the 2016-2017 school year Media Council has funded \$144,113.59, more than the ASWC Senate General Fund was allocated in the Fall Semester;
- l. WHEREAS, Media Council allocated \$91,587.56 in the 2014-2015 school year, 43% of which was allocated towards the Acropolis;
- m. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASWC Senate Constitution Article III section B, be edited to go into effect in the Fall of 2017 to read the following: “All members shall pay an ASWC fee of \$120.00 per semester, 80% of which will go to the Senate, 20% percent of which will go to Media Council. The fee will be subject to increase based on inflation.”
- n. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASWC Senate Constitution Article III be amended to go into effect in the Fall of 2017 to add item c. which reads the following: “Of the 80% allocated to the Senate, 35% of this will be allocated to the Program Board. 9% will be allocated to the Operational Account and 56% will remain in the General Fund;”
- o. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASWC Senate Bylaws Article VIII Section A be amended to read: “A. As determined by the Senate, Program Board shall receive a standard allocation of 35% of the General Fund, after the Media Council allocation. After review, the budget must be presented to the ASWC Senate Budget Committee for final approval and posted for the student body. To be held accountable by the Senate, the Program Board Chair must also present monthly updates concerning their account along with their planned programs. Program board may also a request additional funding programs through the regular funding process as outlined in the funding policies.”
- p. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, Media Council, as the sole funding body of the ASWC Senate, must submit a funding code by the second to last week of the Spring semester of 2017 to the Administrative and Budget Committees of the ASWC Senate for collaborative revisions with the Chairs of Administrative and Budget Committee;

- q. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Media Council must submit a list of all equipment in their possession which the student body owns by the last day of classes of the Spring 2017;
- r. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that from this point forward, Media Council is required to submit a funding code to the Administrative Committee within one month of the first day of the Fall Semester to undergo collaborative revisions with the Chairs of Administrative and Budget Committee;
- s. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, Media Council may make changes to their funding code, given that it is adopted by the member organizations within a voting threshold of their choosing;
- t. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASWC Senate Bylaws Article VIII is amended to go into effect in the Fall of 2017 to include section B which will read: “As determined by the Senate, the Media Council shall receive a standard allocation of 20% of the Student Body Fee. To be held accountable to the student body, the Media Council Representative must also present monthly updates concerning their account. Media Council may also request additional funding programs from the ASWC General Fund through the regular funding process as outlined in the funding policies;”
- u. LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended to add Article IX to go into effect in the Fall of 2017 entitled Media Council Funding which shall be read as the following: “Article IX: Media Council A. As determined by the Senate, Media Council shall receive a standard allocation of 20% of the student body fee. To be held accountable by the Senate, the Senate Representative must also present monthly updates concerning their account along with their planned programs. Media Council may also a request additional funding programs from the ASWC Senate through the regular funding process as outlined in the funding policies. B. Media Council must submit a funding code to the Administrative Committee within one month of the first day of the Fall semester classes to undergo a collaborative revision process with both the Vice President and Treasurer of ASWC Senate, if deemed necessary by the Vice President and Treasurer. The Funding Code must then be adopted by the Media Council with a voting threshold of their choosing; C. The Media Council must submit an inventory to the Executive Cabinet of the ASWC Senate detailing the items in their possession which are owned by the Student Body;”

- v. THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the additions and revisions made by this bill are examined in the Spring of 2018;
- w. **Treasurer Heymans (Presentation: Point of Information: Media Council Funding & Allocations):** We are in no way saying that Media Council does not do a good job. The reason for the creation of this bill stemmed from reckless allocations of funds.
- x. **Sen. Boynton:** Last week, you stated that the motivation from this bill came from the Acropolis not being active anymore, not from your impression that we have been spending recklessly. Has motivation changed?
- y. **Treasurer Heymans:** We are getting there.
- z. **Vice President Dueñas:** Graphically, we have no idea how much different organizations were funded. By encouraging the funding code, these reports will be better equipped with more accurate data. In 2014-2015, only one year of rollover Acropolis funding, Media Council spent \$51,177.56. \$5,000 of the \$51,177.56 went towards new equipment. In 2015-2016, \$93,297.16 was spent on Operational equipment, while nearly \$50,000 was allocated for new equipment. During the fall of 2016, \$78,222.65 was spent on Operational equipment. Over \$100,000 was rolled over to the 2015-2016 budget from the 2014-2015 budget. The Acropolis has not been printed since the 2012-2013 school year. \$115,000 total dollars have been rolled over from the Acropolis into Media Council accounts.
- aa. **Proposed Budget Cuts:** \$27,000 per semester, \$54,000 annually.
- bb. **Revenue Program Board will receive:** \$21,150 per semester, \$42,300 annually.
- cc. **Expenses not related to Operating Costs:** \$40,000 for the spring concert. \$12,000 Alex Hackworth's paycheck for the semester (passed at the end of September, meaning October-December [but there are only two weeks in December] meaning essentially \$12,000 for 2.5 months. \$7,000 was funded for a golf cart (extra expenditures that can be reduced).
- dd. **Funding Code Importance:** Lack of funding codes holds concerns for misappropriation of funds. There are no guidelines in what should and should not be funded as of right now. These are student body fees and there should be limitations on what can be funded. Funding codes will allow students and senators to see exactly what is being funded. Currently, there are no line-items for exactly what is being funded. For example, more than \$15,000 was spent on the Dub C Film Fest, but there are no line-items to show exactly what was being funded.

- ee. **Inventory Necessity:** The student body should be aware of what items and equipment their fees are funding since they have access to said equipment. This is necessary so that media council has a clear conception of what they own. For example, when an org dies out, other media organizations know what they owned.
- ff. **Pres Rashid:** Acropolis is one of the oldest yearbooks in the nation. The spring prior to the Acropolis dying out, the ASWC passed a bill that increased the student body fees which was approved by the Board of Trustees. This shifts the amount that organizations are funded.
- gg. **Sen. Boynton:** There is a letter that Media Council wrote to address the senate for our plans for next semester. We have already outlined our plan for writing a constitution, by laws, and creating a funding code.
- hh. **Vice President Dueñas:** This bill affects every account within our jurisdiction. This does not just impact Media Council, but all of our organizations in how much they are funded including Program Board and the ASWC Senate.
- ii. **Dir. Manning:** One of the issues that this bill addresses is that there is a surplus of funds that Media Council is receiving. This is one of the main focuses of the bill. The bill is not focusing on the lack of governance of Media Council, but rather the dispersion of funds.
- jj. **Media Council Presentation (Sen. Boynton):** We have created a document outlining why each organization received funding for certain items.
- kk. **Sigma Tau Delta: Fall 2016 Expenditures:** Lit Review funded for \$4,200 (all printing and publishing costs for the literary reviews), \$300 for the literary review release party, \$550 for sweatshirts, \$750 for prizes for the annual writing contests, \$1,100 for two professional guest speakers, **Spring 2017 Budget:** \$2,200, \$400 for marketing and advertising, \$500 for the Film to Fiction Festival.
- ll. **Sen. Blomso:** How many copies of the literary reviews do you typically print? And is the \$4,200 cost an annual cost?
- mm. **Sigma Tau Delta Representative:** I am not sure about how many reviews we typically print and the \$4,200 is an annual cost.
- nn. **KPOET: Funded in fall 2016:** \$140 for office supplies, \$2,700 for streaming DJs and recording their sessions (Spotify), \$750 for replacement microphones. **Spring 2017 budget:** Will be requesting a studio couch \$600, \$3,000 for t-shirts and promotions for the spring concert. \$10,000 for K-Chella (\$13,600 budget for the spring semester).

- oo. **QC: Funded in fall 2016:** \$770 for office supplies, \$13,560 for printing the newspaper, \$12,500 for a QC conference. **Spring 2017 budget:** Will be requesting \$200 website creation (one year subscription for Squarespace – a site used by many other organizations, it is very user friendly), \$600 for website translation (English/Spanish), \$200 office supplies, \$400 for QC staff awards, \$1,500 for three camera lenses, \$800 for higher quality paper and color (goal is to print in full color, print in better resolution, and print fewer pages (12 pages to 8 pages)), \$700 for QC staff shirts for professionalism.
- pp. **Sen. Vega:** The Whittier domains is very buggy and uses outdated servers. The level of professionalism and quality that the QC uses would not work with Word Press.
- qq. **QCTV: Fall 2016 approved funds:** \$5,920 for a new camera, tripod, chords, and a microphone, \$200 for office supplies. **Spring 2017 Budget:** Will be requesting \$2,000 for a news desk (split with WCSN), \$5,000-\$6,000 for a second camera to cover multiple events simultaneously on campus, \$750 for a tripod, \$350 for two headphone sets, 3 XLR cables for cameras to connect to microphones, \$50 for organizing boxes.
- rr. **Tres. Heymans:** What are the reoccurring costs?
- ss. **QCTV Representative:** We would have to spend on equipment that needs to be replaced and office supplies each year. Some equipment may be a one-time purchase, but other equipment will need to be replaced.
- tt. **Sen. Bettridge:** Why do you need more cameras if you have already bought cameras recently?
- uu. **QCTV Representative:** We need more cameras. We cannot rely on VPS to use their cameras if we run out. We currently only have one camera.
- vv. **Sen. Vega:** These expenditures are so that these orgs can invest in their futures and are doing a good job in showing us why these expenditures are necessary.
- ww. **Sen. Scriber:** How many members are in your organization?
- xx. **Media Council Representative:** Approximately 25-30 students.
- yy. **VPS: Fall 2016:** Funded a production package for \$5,400, 2,000 to replace desktop hard drives and MacBooks, \$700 for Dub C Film Fest prizes and awards, \$1,150 for set production (lighting equipment), \$500 for VPS t-shirts, website budget \$115 (reoccurring costs), Riverside arts and music festival \$400, \$400 for two final copies, movie short for Sundance Film Festival \$1,940. **Spring 2017 Budget:** Will be requesting

\$2,650 for Spanish Film Festival, \$17,500 cinema camera package (help with recruiting, creating high quality film that can compete with other programs), and \$2,400 for aperture lights to be shared by three media organizations.

zz. **Sen. Blomso:** How often would the cinema camera package need to be replaced and where would it be stored?

aaa. **VPS Representative:** I hope not very often. It may have to be replaced every few years. It'll be reserved for VPS members in our groups and would not be available for the student body at large unless they are trained. We will be storing in the Platner basement, as well as a checkout system to keep track of all equipment.

bbb. **WCSN: Fall 2016 allocations:** Spring \$4,000 for cameras, cables, adapters to broadcast high quality video, \$3,000 Verizon hardline 4G Wi-Fi package, \$4,500 for website. **Spring 2017 Budget:** Will be asking for a news desk \$2,000 to increase web presence. \$5,000 for additional parts for the Flypack.

ccc. **Nathan Landau (WCSN Representative):** Since I was a first-year here and a starting member of WCSN, we have grown into one of the most respected sports broadcasting organizations in SCIAC. The cost associated with growth is high, but we have already made so much progress. Cal State LA has approached us and asked us to mentor them in their quest to grow as a broadcasting organization.

ddd. **Sen. Blomso:** Losing funds will not inhibit your opportunity to request funding from Senate.

eee. **Sen. Scriber:** I want to make it clear that this is not about taking away your ability to get funding. It shortens the amount of funding that you all are exposed to. You can still come into Senate to ask for funding. This might make it more difficult to receive funding, but you can still come into Senate to receive funding.

fff. **Sen. Fossier:** The QC was talking about getting new lenses for the cameras for better color depth, but that is not really accurate. Lenses do not affect color depth, but rather sensors in the camera matter for color depth. I am also concerned about new lenses for the QC because they are not maintained very well. Poet Entertainment has many XLR cables that you all can use at any time, for free. The sweaters for Sigma Tau Delta seems as a misallocation of student body funds. It would be similar to societies using student body fees to purchase their sweatshirts.

- ggg. **Media Council Representative:** As the photo editor last year, I made sure that we took care of our cameras and lenses. While you are correct about sensors and color depth, lenses do help in color quality.
- hhh. **Vice President Dueñas:** How much has QC funded for lenses that does not really help produce color quality?
- iii. **Sec. Parviainen:** \$1,500 for three lenses.
- jjj. **Sen. Fossier:** With that \$1,500, you can purchase multiple cameras with camera kits.
- kkk. **Sen. Blomso:** I would like to hear a specific estimate on turnover for equipment. What does that timeline look like? I am concerned about the Senate being able to handle the amount needed for reoccurring equipment costs.
- lll. **Media Council Representative:** Computers, for example, need to be updated every 5-6 years. Equipment does not need to be replaced every year.
- mmm. **Sen. Boynton:** \$5 gift cards are given to one staffer per week as a token of our gratitude.
- nnn. **Sen. Vega:** I commend the Media Council organizations for being so prepared. You all have defended yourselves week after week. We appreciate the work you do. I hope the senators think about this as you make votes next week.
- ooo. **Vice President Dueñas:** I absolutely understand the power of gratitude. I would love to give a senator \$5 per week but cannot do that with our budget and will not do that will student body fees. The use of student body fees to give gift cards seems inappropriate. Every student on this campus deserves a \$5 gift card but that is not what student body fees should be used for.
- ppp. **Media Council Representative:** For the QC specifically, the last time we received a national award was 2001. We received a national award last year for the first time in nearly 15 years. This lag was in part due to our inability to keep up with the evolution of technology.
- qqq. **Dir. Marquez:** Program Board cannot grow as an organization without these funds. Program Board has not made any expansion since my time here as a first-year. It is extremely hard to plan events when I do not have an adequate budget. We do not get great turnout because we have to host the same events each year because we do not have the funds to pay for any new events. Retention is affected by events that happen on campus. If events are not happening on campus, students will not stay here. I want to be able to expand my body because I have countless

students who spend countless hours working for Program Board. As a Program Board, we do not amount to other Program Boards at other colleges and universities.

rrr. **Sen. Brown:** The conversation that we have been having for the last 30 minutes has not been about the bill. This bill is talking about the reduction of student body fees to media council. This bill is asking for accountability. While media council is important, there are other bodies on campus who need these funds such as Program Board. So far, there has been no accountability on behalf of the media council organizations. Media organizations can always come into Senate if the reductions pass.

sss. **Sen. Bettridge:** How many people actually read the newspapers? I often times see many newspapers being left out and unread. As an ICC representative, I have seen my organizations go into Senate to request funding. It is frustrating and unfair seeing media organizations being so easily funded for new equipment

ttt. **Media Council Representative:** Last year we printed 1,200 copies. Our pickup rates ranged from 700-900 pickups. I am considering cutting copies to 1,000 as well as cutting pages within the copies from 12 to 8 pages. I am going to have that conversation with my team but that will not happen until January and cannot guarantee that my ideas will pass.

uuu. **Media Council Representative:** The amount of money that we have spent truly concerns me. By Laws, a funding code, and a constitution would truly help me and I am all for that.

vvv. **Sen. Fossier:** I think that the fact that many senators have so many questions and concerns about media council's funding justifies that they come in to senate to justify their costs. We all have many issues with their line items.

www. **Sen. Brown:** If we are going to hold every club and organizations to equal standards, then we must hold media council to the same standards. Media council should really work on different marketing strategies because the only people who know what you do are the people within media council and those who read the QC.

xxx. **Sen. Vega:** new marketing is going to cost more money in strategizing and implanting. If they do not have the funds to do that, then the problem of poor marketing will persist.

yyy. **Vice President Dueñas:** In the spring of 2018, this needs to be reevaluated by the table and media council organizations, as outlined in the bill. The vast majority of bills we write do not have this addendum included.

zzz. **Media Council Representative:** I would like to discuss the separation between governance and media. If media organizations have to ask their respective governments for funding, then that directly goes against the Constitution of the United States – the separation of press and government. This is authoritarian and tyrannical. You state in the bill that we must be held accountable by the senate.

aaaa. **Pres. Rashid:** I understand the idea of freedom of speech. I think the comparisons you draw between us and UCSD are unfair. We are not taking away all of your money. It is our job as senators that every penny you spend is spent appropriately. I have personally been critiqued by the QC and other media organizations and I have welcomed these critiques because we cannot do our jobs effectively unless we are critiqued. However, this is not why this bill is being proposed. Moreover, we give student body fees to media organizations autonomously and we only expect to hold you accountable for those funds which means we simply ask that you show us where your money is going. Thus, being described as authoritarian is totally unfair.

bbbb. **Media Council Representative:** We have media council meetings every Monday at 4:30 in which all students and senators can attend. We discuss line by line items during these meetings and if you are wanting to learn about these items, you are more than welcomed to attend our meetings. Thus, we are being as transparent as possible.

cccc. **Vice President Dueñas:** The fact that you all are trying to be more transparent and more concerns continue to arise is a problem. The original point in the bill states that you all will be held accountable by the student body and not by the senate.

dddd. **Media Council Representative: Where will the 15% taken from Media council go?**

eeee. **Vice President Dueñas:** This bill changes every single percentage. Every account will increase per dollar amount. The vast majority of these funds; however, will go into Program Board accounts.

ffff. **Media Council Representative:** That worries me that the table is taking away funds from the voice of this campus and giving them to the dances of the school that are largely under attended.

gggg. **Vice President Dueñas:** Student body fees are used for more than 100 dances, only 6 of which are dances. Thus, talking about funds being allocated to dances is largely inappropriate. I have sat down with Sen. Boynton and other media council representatives to go over amendments

for the bill. All dates have been pushed back and copious hours have been spent on addressing media council's concerns.

hhhh. **Sen. Blomso:** I move to fast track this bill and vote on it tonight seeing as though these conversations are just going in circles.

iiii. With a vote of 3-7-3, this bill will not be fast tracked.

jjjj. We will hear this bill for the third reading next week.

**XV. Announcements**

- a. Sen. Scurr: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> will be the lighting tour and renovation talk. The facilities renovation discussion will go from 5:00pm-6:45pm and will be held in the Campus Center (specific location TBD). The lighting tour will depart from the Campus Center at 7:00pm.
- b. Vice President Dueñas: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is Sen. Chen's birthday and Sen. Campos has a birthday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Sen. Boynton: Assistant Dean Elizabeth Schrock's going away party will be next Monday at 3:30pm in Villalobos.
- d. Sen. Wells: Police will be on campus tomorrow because there will be a Title IX talk about reporting incidents to the college and Whittier PD from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

**XVI.** Meeting is adjourned at 11:41 pm by **Sen. Vega**.

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*