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## Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at 7:01 PM**
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Inspirational quote Sen. Scriber**
  
- 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. Boynton**
  
- V. Presidential Appointments of:**
  - a. **Treasurer Lorena Heymans**
  - b. **Program Board Director Rudy Marquez**
  - c. **Environmental Representative Maddie McMurray**
  
- VI. Roll Call- Senator Parviainen (Secretary)**
  - a. **Present:** President Rashid, Vice-President Duenas, Treasurer Heymans, Secretary Parviainen, Director Marquez, Director Manning, Representative McMurray, Sen. Blomso, Sen. Jacinto, Sen. Scurr, Sen. Pistolesi, Sen. Laguna, Sen. Brown, Sen. Scriber Sen. Vega, Sen. Bettridge, Sen. Wells, Sen. Boynton, Sen. Campos, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Chen, Sen. Fossier
  - b. **Absent excused:**
  - c. **Unexcused:**
  
- VII. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - a. Approved by Sen.
  
- VIII. President's Message- President Rashid**
  - a. Summer Retreat
  - b. CEC is looking for students to work with local high school students through mentorship program
  - c. Reviewing protests

### Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Heymans

General Fund Balance: ~\$117,000.00

Operational Account Balance: ~\$ 11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: ~\$25,593.58

First Readings Pending: \$10,430

Program Board Account: ~\$47,523.96

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: ~\$163,174.83

Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC): ~\$1,550.54

Inter-Society Council (ISC): ~\$4,310.53

Academic Affairs Council (AAC): ~\$1,970.00

## **IX. Constituent Reports**

### **a. Academics Affair Council - *Sen. Blomso***

- a.** Met with Jason Carbine, faculty master, on how to program events through faculty master house. Will be attending meeting with faculty of religious studies.

### **b. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Jacinto***

- a.** Commuters are pleased with new parking adjustments. Would like to see better advertising for on school-events.

### **c. Residential Hall Representative - *Sen. Scurr***

- a.** Spoke with Joe Melendez from Residential Life on how I can help with Res Life. I will be helping with programing, campus wellness, and program development. We are looking forward to keeping students on campus and lowering the retention rate. Foosball table in Johnson collapsed and is being fixed, AC in Harris being fixed, Ball residents are looking for a new amenity to the dorm.

### **d. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Pistolesi***

- a.** Turner showers are taking a long time to get warm, but students are pleased with coordination of information from administration.

### **e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Laguna***

- a. Looking to writing a bill about new major on campus – Sports Management. Students are pleased with parking.
- f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Brown*
  - a. Students are pleased with parking and SLC. Excitement about new renovations in the Spot. Quality of dorms, bathrooms, and campus is a concern because of facility's budget and staff cuts.
- g. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Scriber*
  - a. Everyone is pleased with parking. Talking to previous Sodexo manager about campus quality. There needs to be discussion about more inclusive dorms for LGBTQ student demographic. New students do not feel comfortable living in the typical first-year dorms.
- h. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Vega*
  - a. A lot less information on first week events for upperclassmen than last year.
- i. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Bettridge*
  - a. Worked with LEAP to get ready for Student Activities Fair this Wednesday.
- j. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Wells*
  - a. Working with SJC presidents on constitutions. Doing biweekly meetings to try and attract more students. Looking into on-campus protests.
- k. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Boynton*
  - a. Media Council advertising Buzz Feed app for Whittier College. Hosts on-campus media as well as national news sources such as USA Today. Former student, and now independent contractor, will be tech advisor with Media Council to help bring more technology. QCTV was funded for \$6,000 worth of equipment.
- l. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Representative - *Sen. Angileri*
  - a. Cross Country invitational at UC Irvine. Men's water polo beat LMU for the first time in school history. Home game the 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.
- m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Representative - *Sen. Campos*
  - a. Football lost to Whitworth. Volleyball opens conference tomorrow at Cal Lutheran, first home game Friday vs. La Verne.
- n. Inter-Society Council Male Representative - *Sen. Fossier*
  - a. Penns welcome back dance next week!
- o. Inter-Society Council Female Representative - *Sen. Chen*
  - a. Informational meetings for new students interested in societies Thursday September 14 @ 7:30pm.

**X. Committee Reports**

- a. Administrative - Vice President Dueñas

- a. Looking into new constitutions such as Diversity Council because it has not been updated in a long time.
- b. Budget- Treasurer Heymans
  - a. Budget meets every Monday @ 5:00 pm. More students need to join!
- c. Campus Relations - Director Manning
  - a. Meetings every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Working on advertising for events this year. Informational meetings
- d. Elections- Secretary Parviainen
  - a. First meeting tomorrow at 4:30 in the Senate office! FCC informational meetings this week – September 15 @ 4:30 and September 16 @ 5:30pm
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
  - a. Tuesdays at 5 in LEAP conference room. Hypnotist and trip to Getty Museum had great turn out. Movie night tomorrow in Campus Courtyard – STAR WARS. Dodgers game Thursday September 22 – get tickets on OrgSync!
- f. Advocacy- President Rashid
  - a. Every Friday at 4! Doing a lot of advocacy work for the ASWC!
- g. Culinary- Sen. Scriber
  - a. Meetings 4:30 on Fridays. Advocacy group for students and on-campus dining services.
- h. Environmental- Rep. McMurray
  - a. Met with Danny Nakamura – grounds facilitator. Discussed options for Allied Service, a food pick up waste company that can be turned into compost. There is a science for making science apparently. Set up meeting with Stephanie from Bon Appetite on food waste and disposal. Looking to make amendments to SEFA. Meetings on Thursday in Senate office from 3-4pm.
- i. Student Feedback- Sen. Scurr
  - a. Meetings on Friday at 2pm. Talked to Joe Melendez about comment boxes. Are boxes being utilized?
- j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Dueñas
  - a. Thursdays 4:30 in Senate office. Work with student body, faculty, and administration.
- k. Student Finance – President Rashid
  - a. Meetings every Tuesday at 5 in the Senate office. Goes over student’s financial needs and created in the spring of 2016 to discuss impact of student debt crisis.

**XI. Public Voice - Maxwell Hoversten**

- a. Health Issue – Harris B bottom floor has an ant issue that is spreading throughout the dorm.
- b. First-Year Engagement for Welcome Week – Physical signs that new students can see and figure out how to navigate on a new campus.

**Hamilton Williams (new Social Work Professor at Whittier College)**

- c. Call of action to host Standing Rock Sioux protest about new pipeline construction in North Dakota (encouraging the ASWC Senate to host it).

**Hannah Martin, Athenian Society**

- d. Wants opinion for the scheduling of annual Luna dance. There is conflict with the dance and Sports Fest at Whittier College. Specifically, the dance is the same night as the Talent Show. Athenian Society is considering moving the location from the Radisson Hotel to a local night club. Sports Fest may not be continued for this year and the general consensus is that most students do not like the event.

**XII. First Readings**

- a. Welcome Back Dance – William Penn Society: Requesting \$6,930 for the annual dance which is on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Historically, this is one of the most attended dances of the year. Discourse ensued about potential strobe lights and triggering epileptic seizures to students with epilepsy. Event is fast-tracked and will be voted on in Daily Calendar Considerations.
- b. Trip To Universal Studios – LEAP Office: Requesting \$3,500 for a trip to Universal Studios (Wizarding World of Harry Potter). Tickets will cost \$35. 75 tickets will be available and has been subsidized, so the cost that students will pay for a ticket will be significantly less than face value. Transportation will be paid for and will take students to and from the park. LEAP and Program Board are contributing \$1,000 each and the Dean of Students is contributing \$675. The event needs to be fast-tracked in order to go on sale next week. Event is fast-tracked and heard in Daily Calendar considerations.

**XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations**

- a. Welcome Back Dance - William Penn Society: Funded in requested amount of \$6,930. Motion by Sen. Blomso.
- b. Trip To Universal Studios – LEAP Office: Funded in requested amount of \$3,500.

**XIV. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Mistreatment of new facilities and housekeeping workers (Flagship): Effects being felt all around campus. There were protests last week (Thursday September 8) for the mistreatment of these workers. The ASWC Senate held a summer session about this issue and passed a

resolution in support of all workers employed by Whittier College. **Sen. Boynton** motions to invite POWER to next week's Senate meeting – motion seconded by **Sen. Scurr**; motion passes.

- b. **Sen. Blomso** brings up Standing Rock Sioux Protest. Proposing to show support next Wednesday, September 21 in front of The Rock. Historically, The Rock has been a place of advocacy at Whittier College.
- c. Discussion about whether the table prefers Facebook or GroupMe as a medium to pass information ensues. A final decision will be made by next week's meeting.
- d. **Director Manning**: Brings up issue of strict weight room hours. The weight room is only open from 9:00am-3:30pm, yet there is a new cardio room that has opened to alleviate some traffic in the main weight room. Students are still feeling the need to purchase expensive gym memberships because hours at our own gym are so strict. A motion by **Sen. Vega** has been made to create a poll on OrgSync to facilitate students' opinions and concerns. **Sen. Wells** objects, **Sen. Campos** moves to push issue to Advocacy Committee, motion passes.

**XV. Announcements**

- a. **Sign up for a shift for the Student Activities Fair!**
- b. **Elections Committee meets tomorrow at 4:30pm in Senate office. FCC informational meetings this week.**

**XVI.** Meeting is adjourned at 10:26 pm by **Sen. Fossier**.

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*