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Meeting Minutes for November, 7 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:09 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 Rep. McMurray

- 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. Bettridge, Sen. Wells, Sen. Boynton, Sen. Chen, Sen. Fossier
 - b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Vega, Sen. Angileri
 - c. **Unexcused:** Sen. Campos

- VI. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Approved by Rep. McMurray
 - b. Seconded by Sen. Laguna

- VII. **President's Message – President Rashid**
 - a. Go vote tomorrow! Sen. Bettridge has been chosen to receive the award for Senator of the Month for the month of October. Sen. Bettridge has worked beyond obstacles, has helped put together Whittier College's first concert, and has done an excellent job on the table. I will be meeting with members of the Whittier College administration to address campus security issues. The Cabinet and three to four senators will be present in this meeting. Sen. Wells, Sec. Parviainen, and I met with FSP and CFO Jim Dunkelman this afternoon. FSP wanted us to communicate to the ASWC that they are a people-oriented company. FSP's ultimate goal is that the students are having a good experience and are willing to work with students to address concerns on campus. If any students are

experiencing repeated instances of uncleanliness, please add any details possible (such as the time of day, building, and day of week that you are seeing these problems persist). Our Senators had a very long and draining training yesterday (Sunday) in which we discussed issues on campus and how to address these issues. The Senate retreat was the first ever mid-semester training and lasted from 9:00am – 5:30pm.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Heymans

General Fund Balance: \$13,620.00

Total Funds Allocated Thus Far: \$72,272.31

Operational Account Balance: \$11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: \$25,593.58

First Readings Pending: \$2,035.00

Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0.00

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 Account (MC): \$157,759.61

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

Inter-Society Council (ISC): \$3,334.63

Academic Affairs Council (AAC): \$2,720.00

IX. Constituent Reports

a. Academics Affair Council – Sen. Blomso

- a. I set up a meeting with English students to set up the English department DSC (Department Student Council), but no students came to the meeting.
- b. Sen. Boynton: I recommend working through Sigma Tau Delta and gaining traction with students there.

b. First Year Class Council – Sen. Gil

- a. FCC has set up dates for an ice cream social on Friday Dec. 2nd and a movie night on Thursday Dec. 8th.
- c. Commuter Representative – *Sen. Jacinto*
 - a. Absent at time of meeting
- d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Scurr*
 - a. I met with Joe Melendez and Josh Hartman in Residential Life today. Administrators who work in Residential Life will be leaving towards the end of the week for a conference; however, they will be on call. Associate Dean Hartman will be drafting wording pertaining to alerts that are sent out about issues occurring on campus. I would like to bring up the Res. Life Cinema in miscellaneous business.
- e. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Pistolessi*
 - a. The water in Turner Hall takes a long time to get warm and much water is wasted on students who are waiting for the showers to get warm.
- f. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Laguna*
 - a. A constituent proposed to bring members of LAPD to campus to have a forum. The constituents would like to see the officers come in plain clothes.
- g. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Brown*
 - a. I have had talks around campus about having police officers on campus in the style of a forum. I would like to propose that a dinner-setting in a faculty house to be the first step of discussions with police officers on campus. I got feedback from students who suggested that these types of talks be held in a bigger venue such as Villalobos.
- h. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Scriber*
 - a. Constituents in Ball are complaining that they cannot shut the water all the way off because of broken faucet handles. Cockroaches are still thriving in the dorms.
- i. Diversity Council Representative – *Sen. Vega*
 - a. Absent
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative – *Sen. Bettridge*
 - a. I am working with Sen. Blomso and Vice President Dueñas on how to put clubs with a proper governing body. We did a walk through today with the production company who will be doing staging and lighting for the Whittfest concert.
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative – *Sen. Wells*
 - a. Campus Safety, SJC, and the ASWC will be tabling Thursday, November 10th from 11:00am – 2:00pm and handing out pamphlets about emergency notifications on campus. We will be helping students sign up to get the alerts via text message. I am meeting tomorrow with the Director and

Assistant Director of OEI to have a discussion about safety on campus.
Club 88 November 17th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

- l.** Media Council Representative – *Sen. Boynton*
 - a. VPS is having Dub C Film Fest this week. WCSN is working on preparing for basketball season. They want to tour the NFL Network in December and is working with VPS to create a cool intro video for basketball. KPOET is looking for more DJs! If you or anyone you know is interested, please let me know. QC published their elections issue and received good feedback! I met with Magaly Perez, the Campus Safety Coordinator, about campus safety and will be sharing in Miscellaneous Business.
 - b. Sen. Scriber: Is KPOET accepting work study and exception funding?
- m.** Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Representative – *Sen. Angileri*
 - a. absent
- n.** Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Representative – *Sen. Campos*
 - a. Absent
- o.** Inter-Society Council Male Representative – *Sen. Fossier*
 - a. ON January 25th, we will be having an ISC training.
- p.** Inter-Society Council Female Representative – *Sen. Chen*
 - a. ISC met today at 5:30. Athenian rush will be this Saturday. The Ionian Society will have their last fundraiser at Crepes n Grapes this Thursday.

X. Committee Reports

- a.** Administrative – Vice President Dueñas
 - a. Bills will be coming about changing by-laws and revisions to the funding code.
- b.** Budget – Treasurer Heymans
 - a. Budget met today at 12:00pm!
- c.** Campus Relations – Director Manning
 - a. Campus Relations meets at 6:30 on Wednesdays in the Senate office. We met last week and the website needs to be fixed. I am talking to the Communications Department about displaying ASWC Senate dates and events on TVs throughout campus.
- d.** Elections – Secretary Parviainen
 - a. Elections will be relatively dormant for the remainder of the semester. Please come to me if you need any help!
- e.** Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
 - a. Sen. Bettridge and I will be attending NACA at the end of this week which is a conference about hosting and planning events.
- f.** Advocacy – President Rashid

- a. Advocacy did not meet last Friday. However, we will be meeting this Friday at 4:00pm. We will be working with VPS to ensure that they find an adequate space. Since our training went so long, the training of Title IX was not able to happen. At our next advocacy meeting, we will be brainstorming ways to compile information about Title IX (such as policies, procedures, and resources). We will also be talking about proposing a Student Bill of Rights. The goal is that this will be a part of the Student Code of Conduct. This will not be a bargaining session. We need to ensure that our students' rights are protected.
- g. Culinary Committee – Sen. Scriber
 - a. We had a great meeting today! We had great turnout and talked about the interview process for someone to replace Stephanie (catering director of Bon Appetit).
- h. Environmental – Representative McMurray
 - a. 6 gallons of water is evaporated per year when the fountain is on. I am working with James Dial on posting the results from the food audit that the environmental committee conducted two weeks ago.
- i. Student Feedback – Sen. Scurr
 - a. We discussed the location for the next location. It will be on November 17th from 7:00-8:00pm at the Ettinger Lounge. I would like students to be able to approach senators in a less formal setting, so I am asking for senators to be present at this forum. This coming week we will be working with Sen. Brown about a potential forum with local police.
- j. Academic Affairs – Vice-President Dueñas
 - a. Sen. Blomso and Sen. Bettridge are in talks about changing the mandate of academic affairs to ensure that all students' academic needs are addressed.
- k. Student Finance – President Rashid
 - a. We meet every Tuesday at 5:00pm in the Senate office. We will be discussing student employees employed by the college and the Student Bill of Rights. We need to ensure that the labor of students employed by the college is adequately financed and supported.

XI. Public Voice

a. Matthew Aranda (Career Center)

- a. Event on Thursday: Discussion on field of becoming chiropractor will be had. Every Tuesday and Wednesday, the Career Center has walk-in sessions. You would need to call the day of, before 12:00pm to schedule an appointment. On Tuesdays, there are 20 minute appointment blocks on

during 11:00am-12:00pm, 2:00pm-3:00pm, and 4:00pm-5:00pm.

Wednesday there is only one hour of walk-in appointment from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

b. Maxwell Hoversten

a. Is there any idea about having a referendum on the Student Bill of Rights for when it is drafted?

b. Pres Rashid: I considered that idea; however, referendums have not happened in a long time. The idea is still on the table, but may not happen. The bill is still being drafted and if a referendum was to be had, I want to ensure that all mechanics are worked out. You can come to Advocacy to provide input and insight for the drafting of the bill. Anyone can come to be a part of the drafting process.

c. Sen. Wells: SJC is spearheading the draft and we can sit down and hash out any concerns you have or if you would like to provide ideas on the bill.

XII. First Readings

a. Healthy is the New Skinny – Palmer Society & VIP (Violence Intervention Prevention)

a. The Palmer Society and in collaboration with VIP, OEI, LEAP and the Dean's Office are looking to host this event in Villalobos Hall on November 16th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. The group is requesting \$1,000. The collaborating departments are contributing funds to this which subsidize about \$1,000. This event focuses on body positivity, body acceptance, and loving yourself. Model Katy Wilcox will be hosting and speaking at the event.

b. Sen. Boynton: I think this is a really interesting opportunity for our media sources to talk with her at the event. Can you ask her about doing interviews with the school paper, as she does a lot of public talks?

b. Commuter Thanksgiving Voucher – CSA (Commuter Students Association)

a. Expecting 100 participants. Requesting \$500 for lunch vouchers. Usually request \$1,000, but received the other \$500 from faculty houses.

c. Math Club Event – Math Club

a. Looking to hold a talk on November 16th in SLC 204. Requesting \$50 for a speaker. The speakers will be visiting professors. If any students have taken Calculus I, they will be informed enough to not get lost during the discussion.

b. Sen. Boynton: What is the \$50 used for?

c. Math Club Representative: It is more of a thank you to professors who take their time to share with us their discoveries and work.

d.Sen. Scurr: Are students who have not taken Calculus I able to participate and follow along?

e.Math Club Representative: Of course!

d. Downtown Women's Shelter – ASWC

a. ASWC is looking for admissions fee for this event on December 4th. Requesting \$485 as a donation to the Women's Shelter. Only 10 students are able to attend – three students have already signed up.

b.Sen. Chen: According to the funding code, we do not fund volunteer opportunities.

c.Sen. Parviainen: So \$485 will be donated to the Women's Shelter and these fees will be spent on or for students on campus?

d.ASWC Representative: Correct.

XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations

a. No daily calendar considerations

XIV. Miscellaneous Business

a. Discussion on Movies.whittier.edu

a.Sen. Scurr: I talked with Joe Melendez about this program today. At some point, we will need to have a discussion about continuing to fund this or not.

b.Sen. Pistolesi: I would like to go back to my constituents about continuing this program. How does Wi-Fi work with accessing and streaming movies through this program?

c.Pres. Rashid: This program is costly; however, this program does not use the Whittier Wi-Fi.

d.Joe Melendez: there is a local server on campus. When you log onto this site, it uses the local area network and actually frees up bandwidth for students using the Whittier Wi-Fi.

e.Sen. Fossier: So can you use this program when off campus?

f. Joe Melendez: No. This program can only be accessed when you are on the Poet internet network (i.e. on campus).

g. Max Hoversten: How can commuter students benefit from this program, seeing as though the rate of commuter students is increasing because they cannot access this site if they are not on campus?

h. Pres. Rashid: This is a huge financial commitment on the ASWC. Please go back to your constituents and ask them about whether they would like to see the site continued.

i. Sen. Boynton: What is the exact cost and duration of the contract?

j. Pres. Rashid: It is a three year contract.

k.Joe Melendez: I believe the contract is for approximately \$6,000. Movies are available on this site for six months.

b. Timely Warnings

a.Sen. Boynton: I met with Magaly Perez in Campus Safety about the timely warnings that are sent to students when crises on campus arise. Timely warnings are the alerts we received via text and are federally mandated by the Cleary Timely Response Act. Language in the law reads, “Issue the warning when information is pertinent.” The problem that students have with timely warnings is that they are not timely enough, this problem is exemplified by the vague language. The decision not to send out a text was made by Whittier PD and Whittier College Campus Safety. Campus Safety crime logs are updated every 48 hours. These logs are available online and in the Campus Safety office.

b.Sen. Scurr: So what are the next steps in this process?

c.Sen. Boynton: One step is communicating with students that Campus Safety Committee exists.

c. Ideas on Bringing Local Police to campus for a forum

a.Rep. McMurray: Sen. Blomso is not here so I will be voicing his thoughts. Rather than inviting them directly on campus, we should host them at a faculty house so that they have an understanding of future conversations.

b.Sen. Fossier: We need to be very careful in wording any language about training Whittier PD on cultural competency and doing so might cause more problems.

c.Sen. Brown: It is very important to have a conversation between the Senate and the students about our experiences with Whittier PD. We should ask our constituents about how we should move forward. We may need to collect student feedback while we are communicating with Whittier PD. A dinner at a faculty house would be positive, but we will need a bigger space because many students are going to want to be a part of these conversations. Bringing Whittier PD to campus should be done this semester as opposed to next semester.

d.Sen. Fossier: I am really concerned about a forum with the police department because I do not think students will be able to compose themselves during this setting. If we have a forum, students will not be able to refrain themselves from blowing up and will thusly result in a negative environment.

e.Sen. Bettridge: I would like to hear about how the tour of Whittier PD went, from the perspective from the officers.

f. Dean Perez: Josh Hartman is going to reach out to the captain of Whittier PD to discuss the tour.

g.Pres. Rashid: Bringing police onto campus would not be constructive. I do however believe that we need to be having conversations with the police

department. I do not believe that we need to invite them to campus anytime soon. The officers need to be aware of the societal tensions and sentiments behind what it is that we want to discuss. We need to figure out what faculty and staff would be best equipped to host a cultural competency training with PD. The ASWC needs to be a part of neighborhood watch meetings. Neighbors are complaining about the college and the students, so we need to provide our side of the conversation and present our interests as citizens residing within the Whittier community.

- h.Sen. Boynton: I would like to work with Sen. Brown about articulating our experience to students during our tour at Whittier PD. I do not want to rush this process and I want to ensure that students are equipped with the necessary tools to function in these environments.
- i. Vice President Dueñas: it would be a mistake to host any type of event of this sort without counselors of the college present.
- j. Sen. Wells: Doing too much can cause an adverse effect within the community. My request is that we do not rush or push any event. We need to really map out this and not rush anything. We also need to be able to market this extremely well because if we don't, the Whittier students will not turn out to any of these events.
- k.Sen. Brown: This project with Whittier PD is going to take all year. The only thing that we can do quickly is to have a forum in which students can talk about police and how certain demographics can be affected by police. I do not think we should wait until next semester to talk about the presence of Whittier PD. Conversations can start now among students, but conversations with PD should be held off until next semester.
- l. Sen. Wells: I agree with Sen. Brown. We should address our issues with Campus Security before we address our issues with Whittier PD. We do not have a positive relationship with authorities on campus and need to work on bettering that relationship before we can better our relationship with Whittier PD. I do not believe that we can plan two healthy, productive, and successful events in the last five weeks of the semester. Two dialogues this semester would only cause more unrest.
- m. Dean Perez: We need to ask Whittier PD if they are open to having dialogue first. They need to be aware of these conversations before we proceed.

XV. Announcements

- a. Dir. Marquez: Tomorrow is a big day. PLEASE VOTE.
- b. Sen. Pistolesi: You can legally be excused from class if you need to vote.
- c. Sen. Scurr: Health and safety are happening in all residence halls.

- d.** Sen. Boynton: Dub C Film Fest this Wednesday at 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- XVI.** Meeting is adjourned at 10:05 pm by **Sen Scriber**.

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*