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Meeting Minutes for October 31, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:21 PM**
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Inspirational quote **Sen. Brown**

- 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. Vega
- V. **Student Research Survey (Siri Wilder, student)**
 - a. Survey covering sexual relationships for Dr. Scott's research methods class (psychology)
 - b. 20 minute survey completed at the beginning of the Senate meeting
- VI. **Daniel Ruiz & The Wellness Coalition**
 - a. Daniel Ruiz addressed the ASWC Senate about the 22 Day Push Up Challenge. "22 Kill" is a program to highlight PTSD and other traumatic diseases that veterans face. On average, 22 veterans commit suicide per day due to mental illnesses that they face after war. To show support, a national hashtag has been started and individuals participate by doing 22 pushups. The Wellness Coalition is hosting this event on November 4th from 11am-1pm at the Campus Courtyard.
- VII. **Video Production Studio (VPS)**
 - a. VPS has lost its space near CAAS and is asking for Senate's support in finding a new, adequate space. The original VPS location will be changed to a location for students with accommodations to take tests in. Students with accommodations have been expressing real concerns about the need for an adequate test-taking environment. VPS members have drafted a letter for approval by the ASWC Senate, to be sent out to CAAS and administration. The letter states that Dean Good has given VPS a two-week deadline to move out of their space; however, the students in VPS do not believe this is a sufficient amount of time to move out

and relocate. The students in VPS are asking for the move-out deadline to be changed to Jan Term.

- b. Dean Darrin Good and Bianca Vinci (Disabilities Center) is here to speak on this issue. Dean Good apologizes for the mishap in communication, but has been working with Luis Manzo (student, Senior Executive Producer of VPS) to locate a new space for VPS to operate. Bianca Vinci read a letter from students who need a quiet space for test-taking. All students need to be able to succeed on campus.
- c. Sen Fossier: where are we at with a new compromise?
- d. Dean Good: The students in VPS need to make space for upcoming tests that will be taken this week. We need to ensure that the office is wheelchair accessible and has many testing stations. The compromise that I have offered states that students who comprise VPS have until the first week of Jan Term to move-out. I have offered VPS a space to operate, but VPS rejected my offer (Wardman, second floor).
- e. Sen. Vega: The room in Wardman is not a viable option because it is not accessible by all students.
- f. Sen. Fossier: As of now, it is not a good idea to support the letter as written. The language needs to be edited to acknowledge Dean Good's compromise of a new deadline. Tonight is not the night to vote on this letter.
- g. Sen. Boynton: I move to support VPS in a search to find a viable location in the upcoming weeks. Continuing to talk in Advocacy Committee and discussing the transition would be a sign of support. Also being a part of their search committee will also be supportive.
- h. Sen. Vega: I second the motion.
- i. Pres. Rashid: Thank you to all parties who are here today. It is great having both sides here so that we can adequately understand both sides of the story and thank you to VPS for having confidence in us to voice your concerns.

VIII. 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. Pistolessi, Sen. Laguna, Sen. Brown, Sen. Scriber, Sen. Vega, Sen. Bettridge, Sen. Wells, Sen. Boynton, Sen. Chen, Sen. Fossier
- b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Campos, Sen. Angileri
- c. **Unexcused:**

IX. Minutes Amendment/Approval

- a. Approved by Sen. Scurr with amendments
- b. Seconded by Sen. Scriber

X. Daily Calendar Considerations

- a. **Penn Rush – William Penn Society**

- a. Requesting \$150 for Rush
- b. Sen. Vega moves to approve funding in requested amount of \$150
- c. Sen. Blomso seconds the motion

b. Sachsen Rush – Sachsen Society

- a. Requesting \$150 for Rush
- b. Sen. Brown moves to fund this event in the requested amount of \$150
- c. Sen. Jacinto seconds the motion

XI. President’s Message- President Rashid

- a. The ASWC has worked hard to create a firm stance on issues on campus and around the nation. Due to the respect of various existing laws, the names of specific individuals or cases will not be discussed during our meetings. However, the ASWC Senate encourages conversations about policy with Whittier PD and Campus Safety. It is imperative that we respect the right to confidentiality. We are not trying to censor anyone’s voice. Rather, we want to have conversations in the right frame of mind. I request the chair to move certain issues to miscellaneous.

XII. Public Voice

a. Matthew Aranda (Career Center)

- a. Tomorrow is the B2B on the liberal arts education in the Dezember House from 6:30-8:00pm. There will be an opportunity for the first 150 students to win gift cards when they attend the Grad School Fair.
- b. Sen. Boynton: Constituents would like to request the Career Center to move events to 4-6pm, as opposed to 11-2pm so that all students have the chance to go and are not conflicted with classes.

b. Jewel Boyd(student)

a. I witnessed a situation on Saturday afternoon. There was an incident on Earlham Dr. I drove by this incident at 110 145 and close to 300. There were 11 total police cars outside the scene. I called Campus Safety and told them about the incident and they told me that, “the police are handling the incident.” When I drove by the second time, I saw approximately 20 neighbors outside watching, as well as many ambulances. I called Campus Safety again and did not receive any information on the event. As a student of the college I want to feel safe on campus and to be notified about what is going on around campus. How do we hold Campus Safety accountable? I hope that the table will support me in holding them accountable. My concern is that the incident happened Saturday and that we did not receive any information until today (Monday).

c. Hannah Burgess (Student)

a. I am here for advice. I am very overwhelmed and saddened about the events that happened this weekend. The only way to respond correctly is

- to respond as a community. I am asking the Senate on how to adequately respond to this incident.
- b.Sen. Blomso: My fear is that I do not know all of the details about what happened on Saturday. I do not feel comfortable enough making a statement about what happened, rather I would be open to drafting a statement about transparency via Campus Safety.
- c.Sen. Boynton: I think that we should ask Campus Safety to be more transparent and how to better the way that information is sent to students. We should steer away from specifics, but should discuss communication with Campus Safety.
- d.President Rashid: This is an institutional problem that we face at Whittier College. The dispersion of communication to students is a major problem that we face here. There are many actors in play here and we should not limit ourselves to just Campus Safety. Last year we drafted language that requested Whittier PD and Campus Safety to notify students about all criminal activity going on within a three mile radius of campus.
- e.Sen. Brown: The issue is that we as a student body do not feel safe. As an institution that serves people of color, people of different religions and sexual orientations, my constituents believe that the institution should address this issue. We need open dialogue by administration and with the student body.
- f. Sen. Vega: Even as we continue to draft language, I believe that having an outlet for students to breathe is extremely important. I would love to talk with all constituents about the issues that we are discussing tonight.
- g.Sen. Fossier: rather drafting new language, we should concentrate on different departments' failure to comply with already existing language.
- h.Sen. Boynton: We should start discussing the formation of a new Safety Committee so that students can hold Campus Safety accountable.
- i. Vice President Dueñas: Our constitution allows us to create ad hoc committees as needed. This is an instance where we can create an ad hoc committee.
- j. President Rashid: The conversation about communication with departments and students on campus should be held outside of a committee. Senators should take on the role of having these conversations with different departments on campus. If there is not a specific end goal that Senators are trying to accomplish, then language does not do much. We need to have conversations about students not feeling safe on campus, with those departments who are not filtering communication to us.

- k. Hannah Burgess (student): Question for Dean Hartman: What was so different about Saturday where students did not receive text messages, but students received text messages today about possible dangers?
1. Dean Hartman: The federally mandated Cleary Timely Act that requires schools to notify students of eminent threats on campus. On Saturday, there was no eminent threat posed to the campus, so notifications were not sent out. Today, there was an eminent threat in which notifications were sent out.
 2. Sen. Blomso: I plan on reaching out to faculty and department chairs so that information can be streamlined to all parties on campus. Students need to be notified about what happens on campus, but so do faculty. Professors need to know about what goes on throughout our campus, especially if there are instances that will affect academic performance.
 3. Sen. Vega: My constituents want to know what is going on every time that there are police officers on campus. If the Whittier Police are on campus, it is because our Campus Security cannot handle a specific issue.
 4. President Rashid: Campus Safety is not a police department. The second that Whittier police gets involved, Campus Safety cannot intervene (by law) and thusly acts as normal citizens of the community. Campus Safety and Whittier PD signed a mutual agreement pertaining to this notion.
 5. Aubrey Bang Guerin (student): The feeling of being unsafe stems from distrust of administration and Campus Safety. If the two parties can fix their communication blunders, the students would feel safer and would trust those who are hired to protect us.
 6. Sen. Brown: What do the members of the public want to see done? Protests? Open dialogue? Town halls?
 7. (Member of Public): As a person of color, I believe that a full notification of the students, faculty, alumni, and parents be presented. I would like to see a gathering of the student body to be organized. I would like to see a comprehensive effort by the school to address the events that have led up to today in trying to meet the emotional needs of students on campus. I would like to see more Campus Safety presence in the Campus Center. Anyone can simply walk onto campus via the Campus Center and we need more patrol in that area. I understand that this campus is open to

the community and needs to stay that way, it needs to be monitored and observed in a more detailed light.

8. (Member of Public): Maybe our school should implement certain hours that members of the public cannot come onto our campus. There have been members of the public in the bathrooms that I have showered in, while I was showering.
9. President Rashid: Do we need to increase the level of security on campus? Or do we need to be more secluded from the Whittier community? Each has negative implications.
10. (Member of Public): We need to have more open discussions on campus, or provide spaces for conversations such as the ones tonight to be had.
11. Hannah Burgess (member of public): Putting pen to paper is very important, but it is time for action. I do not know what that action will look like, but action needs to be displayed so that something actually gets accomplished.
12. Max Hoversten (member of public): I think it would be difficult to have conversations about closing the campus off from the community because it seems nearly physically impossible.
13. Sen. Wells: The fear of police brutality is real. Our actions could potentially damage someone who is already going through this. We need to be careful on how much information that we are disclosing so that we do not open any victims to more trauma or wrongful incrimination.

XIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Heymans (9:30pm)

General Fund Balance: \$13,920.00

Total Funds Allocated Thus Far: \$73,272.65

Operational Account Balance: \$ 11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: \$8,000.00

Daily Calendar Considerations: \$300. 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 (MC) Account: \$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

XIV. Constituent Reports

- a. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Blomso***
 - a.** Due to conflict in schedules, I will be trying to meet again with students in Religious studies and English department.
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gil***
 - a.** Is it possible to have ice machines in a more central location for athletes? Or for water coolers to be out for student usage? Coming into the CI can be a bit of a hassle when the CI is not closed.
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Jacinto***
 - a.** I have been working with Nadine from LEAP to make a survey for commuters. We will be raffling a gas gift card for students who complete survey. The next commuter meet up will be November 17th at 11:30pm.
- d. Residential Hall Representative - *Sen. Scurr***
 - a.** In Stauffer Hall, the TV has burned out from over usage and from being left on. The TV will not be replaced as of right now as a reminder to students that these things are a privilege and if not taken care of, they will not be replaced. A tree has fallen outside of Turner. There are no water filters on the third floor of Turner. Foosball table in Johnson has come in and is great. The ASA Spike it Up! event was great!
- e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Pistolesi***
 - a.** As of Saturday, the AC in Turner has not been working. A constituent asked me today what time the gate to the pool closes.
- f. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Laguna***
 - a.** Spike it Up was great! Dr. Barlow wants to thank the table for supporting the initiative to create a sports management major.
- g. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Brown***
 - a.** What can we do to move forward about what we discussed in public voice?
- h. Student Body Rep- *Sen. Scriber***
 - a.** A form for local transportation will be going out soon! I apologize for not finishing this project earlier.
- i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Vega***

- a. BSU and ASA say thank you for support in their events. One of my constituents had an issue with where Disabilities is located. All the windows are see-through and there is thusly no privacy.
 - j. Inter-Club Council Rep- *Sen. Bettridge*
 - a. . ICC next meeting will be November 17th at 4:30. Our last meeting was Friday October 28th.
 - k. Social Justice Coalition - *Sen. Wells*
 - a. SJC meeting will be November 15th from 6-8pm. It is opened to the public and food will be provided. I have been getting a lot of good feedback from students as to what they would like to see SJC do on campus.
 - l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Boynton*
 - a. QC is running an entire elections issue on Thursday. The entire paper will be on elections. VPS is working on Dub C Film Fest. The screening for the Film Fest will be on November 8th. We passed \$870 for a speaker for VPS, it will be arriving November 17th. Can we hire more work study students in the Spot to assist the staff members there? The ATM in the Spot is no longer there – where did it go?
 - m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Rep- *Sen. Angileri*
 - a. Absent
 - n. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Rep- *Sen. Campos*
 - a. Absent
 - o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. Fossier*
 - a. Ionians are having their Crepes and Grapes fundraiser this Thursday! We are talking about how students with disabilities can participate in rush and pledging.
 - p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Chen*
 - a. Absent at time of report
- XV. Committee Reports**
- a. Administrative- Vice President Dueñas
 - a. I am working with all governing bodies on amending constitutions. This Sunday we will be having our training at 9am in Villalobos. 2-3 hours of the training will be focused on Senate by-laws and how Senate meetings are conducted. Homework is due Friday at 3:00pm!!
 - b. Budget- Treasurer Heymans
 - a. There was no meeting today because there were no first readings. Two constituents came into the committee to ask about how to request funding and doing an EMS if you are not a part of an organization on campus.
 - c. Campus Relations- Director Manning

- a. Meets at 6:30 every Wednesday in the Senate office. As events start happening on campus, we need more senator turn-out.
- d. Elections- Secretary Parviainen
 - a. Elections will be relatively dormant for the remainder of the semester so please reach out if you or your committee needs help with any projects!
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
 - a. Program Board was cancelled last week due to the stressful week we had with Homecoming. Not much will be happening on this end for the rest of the semester. Our main events will be held in the spring.
- f. Advocacy- President Rashid
 - a. Meets Fridays at 4pm. Last week we talked about the status of VPS. We also are a part of Title IX concerns and will be working with Whittier PD in the near future. This week in advocacy we have a long list of issues to cover.
- g. Culinary- Sen. Scriber
 - a. Culinary meets every Friday at 4:30 in the Senate office. Constituents have come to me about a missing ATM in the Spot – Dean Hartman is working on locating that. I am working with James Dial and Bon Appetit to find a new catering manager. There have been several complaints about how events with catering have been handled. Nadine from LEAP came to me about a form that would negate Bon Appetit catering, to use an outside caterer. The forms are very similar to an EMS form, but will be working with James Dial on how to enact those forms.
- h. Environmental- Rep. McMurray
 - a. Many people are checking in to the Standing Rock protest in North Dakota. There are many ways in which you can support this issue such as sending care packages and donating money. I am working with James Dial on receiving a discount for students who use reusable cups for drinks at the Spot. We conducted a food waste audit last week.
 - b. We had two separate stations for liquid and food waste. On Tuesday, 162.5 lbs. of solid food waste were collected in three hours. 66.1 lbs. of liquid waste were collected. On average, each person wasted 12.19 oz. of food. This is almost enough food to fill a red solo cup. There were 17 untouched exhibition salads. On Thursday, 206.25 lbs of solid food waste were collected. 66.1 lbs. of liquid waste was collected. 50lbs. of food was wasted per session than last semester’s audit. It is possible that first year students are not sure how the CI works. Napkin usage is at an all-time high.

1. How do we fix this? Take only as much as you can eat. It is good to participate in healthy peer shaming. If someone wastes a lot of food, let them know. Stay mindful about food waste. Homes, restaurants, and other places waste a lot of food.
- i. Student Feedback- Sen. Scurr
 - a. An ad has been put together to be displayed on Poet TV. I made changes to the student feedback forms so that students can voice their concerns. The next forum will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 7-8pm in the Ettinger Lounge. The fire pit is not usable for s'mores.
- j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Dueñas
 - a. We are changing the academic affairs mandate, which involves LEAP, Sen. Bettridge, and Associate Dean Hartman.
- k. Student Finance – President Rashid
 - a. VP of Finance Dunkelman presented on the budget last meeting. If you have any words to say about it, please come to our meetings which are on Tuesdays at 5pm in the Senate office. I will try to see if he will post the presentation on Orgsync so that we can all see it and really take in what the numbers mean.

XVI. Miscellaneous Business

- a. No miscellaneous business

XVII. Announcements

- a. President Rashid: ASWC Address is this Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Campus Courtyard. After I give my speech, the entire cabinet will be available for Q&A. Senators will also be available for Q&A. Giveaways will be provided (phone wallets).
- b. Sen. Boynton: First, Magaly Perez and I will be meeting Friday about the Cleary Timely Act. Second, there is a misunderstanding in what administration means. Senior staff and administration are being spoken about in the same beam of light, but are not necessarily the same parties.
- c. Sen. Wells: Reminder that EMS registration for the spring semester opens on Friday.
- d. Sen. Blomso: Thank you to everyone on the table for their commitment to the student body. It is a lot of fun to be a part of.
- e. Sen. Bettridge: The spring concert will be on April 7th!
- f. Director Marquez: The training on Sunday will be at 9am!

XVIII. Meeting is adjourned at 10:40 pm by **Sen. Vega.**

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*