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Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:02 PM**
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Inspirational quote **Sen. Scurr**

- 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. **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. Angileri
 - c. **Unexcused:** Sen. Campos

- VI. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Approved by Sen. Boynton
 - b. Seconded by Sen. Scurr

- VII. **President's Message- President Rashid**
 - a. Jim Dunkleman (VP of Finance) will be giving a presentation on the Whittier College budget. Stay tuned via social media for updates on which night he will be presenting. We are also wanting to have FSP and Dunkleman at an ASWC Senate meeting. I met with Dean Good about diversity on campus, but we do not have an ethnic studies department. Dean Good gave me a list of faculty who would be interested in creating a department. It is one thing to have a diverse campus, but it is another to support a diverse campus – we need both. Thank you for everyone who has sent me concerns about campus issues! I encourage you to send me feedback on parking and other campus issues. This information is very important

in that we can send questions, comments, concerns to the respective departments on campus.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Heymans

General Fund Balance: ~80,212.35
Total Funds Allocated Thus Far: \$37,027.55
Operational Account Balance: \$ 11,725.31
Reserve Account Balance: \$25,593.58
First Readings Pending \$8,015.00
Daily Calendar Considerations: \$500.00
Program Board Account: \$41,854.90
First Year Class Council (FCC): \$1,782.50
Diversity Council (DC): \$2,345.84
Inter-Club Council (ICC): \$4,189.44
Social Justice Coalition (SJC): \$3,674.42
Media Council (MC) Account: \$159,625.61
Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC): \$800.54
Inter-Society Council (ISC): \$3,189.58
Academic Affairs Council (AAC): \$1,970.0

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Blomso*
 - a. I heard back from English department last week and they will be moving forward on their DSC! I also met with J Carbine who is in the Religious Studies department and they will also be moving forward on their DSC.
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gil*
 - a. FCC met and discussed how to reach constituents. One of our constituents is curious about hours for the pool.
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Jacinto*
 - a. Absent at time of report
- d. Residence Hall Representative - *Sen. Scurr*
 - a. I met with Josh Hartman today. Bathroom in Harris A is getting a new toilet. The third floor button in the elevator in Turner has not been working, but is being worked on. Students should be aware that once a facilities request has been sent in, workers will come into the room so be aware and be present when they come. Cable in Johnson has been fixed.
- e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Pistolesi*
 - a. A lot of constituents were unaware of the gym in Turner. SoCal clowns are intimidating students on campus. Campus Safety is holding a zero tolerance policy for any campus intruders and has been trained to handle

these types of issues. Campus Safety also wants everyone to know that they will be giving rides at all hours of the day.

- f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Laguna*
 - a. Constituents are complaining about Math and Physics lounge in SLC – it is too loud to study. Tennis courts are only accessible to current members of the Whittier Tennis teams.
- g. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Brown*
 - a. There is a staff member on call during weekends. I am trying to see if students can get one-on-one meetings with a counselor on the weekends.
- h. Student Body Representative- *Sen. Scriber*
 - a. Talked to constituents about SEFA extensions. They seemed OK with timed showers and faucets. I will be making a mock-up sheet for local methods of transportation and will be working in collaboration with LEAP.
- i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Vega*
 - a. Asked constituents about community damages. My constituents were wondering if you only see the fines on your bill at the end of the year, how can we do community service? We are not aware of the fines until the end of the year. Are the RAs representing us, or the interests of Residential Life? MeCha had welcome back barbeque and it was a success.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Bettridge*
 - a. Met with Rugby club to prepare them for funding. I also met with Dean Schrock on our training that is coming up in November. I, along with other Poets, have formed a committee aimed to bring a concert to campus! Expect an OrgSync poll this week on genre of music. I met with the other governing bodies on campus to figure out how we are going to run meetings.
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Wells*
 - a. Happy Indigenous People's Day! Our first SJC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18th at 6pm in Club 88 to approve our new constitution. We have heard constituents' voices about new events on campus.
- l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Boynton*
 - a. QCTV just put out an SLC tour. Sigma Tau Delta is doing a collaboration with VPS on a writing-video project in which students can write a story then develop it into a film. WCSN had their first broadcast with new technology this weekend. Today we passed \$630 for VPS and WCSN was funded \$3,869 for new technology. Constituents would like to see more vegan options in the CI and Spot and requested all Bon Appetite employees have name tags so that we can get to know the staff.

- 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. Issues with new LEAP Director were discussed today. The new director would have too much on their plate and we are concerned that they will not do a sufficient job because they will be taking on two positions.
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Representative - *Sen. Chen*
 - a. Ionians will be having a Crepes and Grapes fundraiser. 15% of proceeds will go to the society. The Palmers had a successful Poet Palooza. 115 students were in attendance. One of the problems, however, was that Bon Appetite pulled out of the beer garden the day of the event.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Dueñas
 - a. Come talk to me if you are working on your constitutions! Campus Relations will be meeting at 6:30 on Wednesdays.
- b. Budget- Treasurer Heymans
 - a. We went over first and second readings today. A representative from the Rugby club came today and will be hearing from them today.
- c. Campus Relations- Director Manning
 - a. Campus relations meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Senate office. We are working on ways to better advertise to students at WC!
- d. Elections- Secretary Parviainen
 - a. Elections did not meet last week, but will be meeting tomorrow October 11th at 4:30 in the Senate office to discuss elections data and how to better advertise for the spring elections.
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
 - a. Our Homecoming Court nominations will be going up tomorrow, Oct. 11. You can nominate anyone in your class via OrgSync or outside of the CI. Spirit Week events will be starting Wednesday next week with board games and ice cream! Next Saturday, Oct. 22 will be Homecoming. Program Board meets at 5 in the LEAP Conference Room.
- f. Advocacy- President Rashid
 - a. Senators in advocacy have been working very hard. We are dealing with five projects right now. VPS is in the midst of conversation as their space may be taken by Disabilities for a test-taking center. The argument is that VPS' space is one for academia and should be used accordingly. Sen. Brown will be going with VPS executives and Dean Good to the proposed

space for VPS in Wardman Hall – this may limit student activity and growth, and also is not safe for this type of student activity. At what point will the student body be able to own space on campus? How can we utilize athletic facilities that we pay for? Sen. Campos has been working very creatively on how to address this issue. We are still talking about Wi-Fi – our bandwidth has increased double the amount it was at the beginning of the year and will be installed this week. I was invited to attend the Safety Committee (ran by Campus Safety) and am looking for a Senator to attend. These meetings will be every couple months on Thursdays.

b.Sen. Blomso: Contact Justin Pudwell, Director of Aquatics for hours on the pool

g. Culinary- Sen. Scriber

a. I met with James Dial about vegan options in the CI and the Spot. He suggested farm-to-fork for lunch and dinner so that students can have fresh vegetables and food that is farmed in the local area. Bon Appetite is extremely understaffed. All food comes from 150 miles away. All food is washed upon arrival in the kitchen. If the student body wants to see change in food options, they should contact James Dial. The Drip will be renovated to look like a Starbucks. Student workers will be working this in the Spot.

h. Environmental- Rep. McMurray

a. Hand dryers would not be an adequate method for drying our hands, so maybe we should have hand towels and hand driers. I also want to install recycling bins on all floors in all dorms.

b.Sen. Fossier: Hand dryers can be loud, especially for students who live directly by restrooms.

i. Student Feedback- Sen. Scurr

a. Oct. 13 will be the first FCC forum in the StoJo courtyard.

j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Dueñas

a. Fliers went up last week. Sen. Blomso and I are figuring out how to best help English and Religious Studies with DSCs.

k. Student Finance – President Rashid

a. We are tasked with mitigating the effects of the Student Debt Crisis. If you are interested, please come join us. We meet on Tuesdays at 5 in the Senate office. We need more help (especially Business/Econ/Finance majors) in moving toward the solution part of the committee.

XI. Public Voice (7:51pm)

a. Matthew Aranda, on behalf of the Career Center: First-Year Fridays will be on Oct. 28 from 11:30-1:00pm in the Career Centers for students who are

interested in professional development. B2B will be on November 1st, from 6:30-8:00pm. Graduate and Professional School Fair will be on Thursday November 3rd from 11-2pm.

- b. **Joe Melendez:** Self-defense program this Tuesday in the Ball basement at 7pm and Thursday at 7pm.

XII. First Readings

- a. **Star Party – Physics Club:** Requesting \$2,315, recommended \$1,240.
 - a. **Representative Hannah Rice:** We are requesting a car rental to transport a telescope and this trip is open to Astronomy students. 27 students aside from Astronomy students will be able to come.
- b. **Metaphonian Society Rush – Metaphonian Society:** Rush on November 13th at 10:02am to 6:02pm in LA. Requesting \$150 for food.
- c. **Thalian Society Rush – Thalian Society:** Rush on Sunday November 6th at Irvine Railroad Park. Requesting \$150 for food.
- d. **Whittier Rugby Budget 2016 – Whittier Rugby:** Requesting \$5,400, recommended \$1,250.
 - a. **Adrian Delgado, representative (president of Rugby club):** 75% of this funding request is one-time funding. We are requesting \$1,000 for USA Rugby CIPP Insurance (25 players), \$750 GCRC League Participation Fee, \$500 for Referee Fee, \$1550 for Jerseys (25), \$650 for Tackling Rings (2), \$600 for Tackle Bags (2), and \$350 for Hit and Dive Shields (2). We started this club in 2009, but have not been utilizing all resources. We want to gain legitimacy by joining GCRC League – which is a Division III league. We are asking for new jerseys because we have been wearing the same shirts since 2010. We have not had any equipment in the past. The equipment that we currently have has been donated by our coach, who coaches voluntarily. We are hosting a fundraising poker game. All proceeds from the tournament will go to our club. Tip Top Barber Shop is having \$16 haircuts on Tuesdays/Thursdays for college students. They will be giving us a donation as well and if funded, their logo will go on our jerseys. We got a \$1500 donation to help subsidize costs for our jerseys. We will be teaming up with the new Community Unity Club on how to volunteer and acclimate our campus with the surrounding community. Our overall goal is for rugby to become a sport on campus and for students to be recruited to play rugby for Whittier College.
 - b. **Sen. Brown** commends the representative on an awesome presentation. I hope this gets funded so that we can attend games and support your team.
 - c. **Sen. Wells** commends the Rugby team on their collaboration with the governing bodies on campus.

- d. **President Rashid:** commends the Rugby team. Asks the representative how much contact the team has had with rugby alum. The rugby representative explains that all coaches are alum and have made connections with former alum in the Whittier community. President Rashid suggests that the Rugby team come to Senate so that we can help advertise.
- e. **Sen. Boynton:** We funded you last year for referees and league fees. I feel that the athletics department should help fund your team. You should work with SAAC reps.
1. **A. Delgado:** The athletics department does not take us seriously and does not respect us. Our team had to practice at local parks, some of which are 20 minutes away. This presents many issues for our teammates who do not drive or have access to transportation. To secure athletic field time, we need 15 players to be registered by USA Rugby. In other words, without the insurance, we cannot practice here at Whittier College.
- f. **Sen. Bettridge:** Rugby has almost 30 members which is one of the biggest clubs on campus.
1. **A. Delgado:** FYI we are open to having female members of the team. However, we need 10 females to have a female team.
- g. **Sen. Blomso:** My only concern is with player insurance. What is the maximum amount that your team can contribute to help offset this cost that you will be coming back for each year?
1. **A. Delgado:** Our fundraising efforts can go towards offsetting those costs in the future.
- h. **Sen. Laguna:** According to Title IX, there needs to be an equal amount of men's and women's teams on campus. We currently have 11 men's and women's teams, so if you want to become an established NCAA team on campus, there needs to be an established women's team as well.
1. **A. Delgado:** We practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6 and Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 in the Upper Quad.

XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations

- a. **BSU Cookout – BSU:** Oct. 15th from 4-8pm. Expecting 50 participants. Requesting \$500.
 - a. **Representatives:** This is our recruiting event to attract students to the club. Also, it is to join diverse students on campus.
- b. Sen. Blomso moves to fund in requested amount
- c. Sen. Wells seconds the motion
- d. The event is funded in requested amount

XIV. Miscellaneous Business (8:49pm)

a. Smaller Environmental Footprint Act Extension Bill

a. **Sen. Boynton:** Can we add Joe Melendez, Director of Residential Life to the list of administrators in which the bill will be sent to?

b. **Sen. Vega:** Can we be more specific on how students on campus will be discouraged from wasting filers?

1. **Pres. Rashid:** My only concern is that this concern may take another week for the bill to be passed.

c. **Sen. Vega:** A possible solution for bathrooms is to have recycle bins for hand towels.

d. **Sen. Brown:** We should implement hand driers in academic buildings and not in residence halls.

e. **Sen. Wells:** There are noise reduced hand driers that can be looked into

f. **Sen. Blomso:** What is the process to offer addendums?

1. **President Rashid:** We will make changes and edits during the meeting and will vote on those amendments once finished during the meeting.

g. **Sen. McMurray:** I am willing to make addendums to the bill so that it can be passed tonight.

h. **Sen. Boynton** questions why we are rushing the bill tonight when we have a student who wrote a bill waiting to have it heard tonight.

i. **Sen. McMurray** moves to edit the agenda for item C under miscellaneous business

j. **Sen. Scurr** seconds the motion

k. Motion to edit the agenda passes

b. Equal Funding Bill: Amy Buck (author, President of FCA)

a. **Author Amy Buck:** Societies and Honor Societies are allocated \$150 for recruiting. Why are other clubs and organizations not allocated this amount?

b. **Sen. Boynton:** Language change/suggestion in third line of bill and also commends the author for creating this bill

b. **Sen. Vega** commends the author and offers a suggestion to capitalize "Senate" in the author's bill

c. **Rep. McMurray:** If the bill passes, what would the table think about funds not used that are in a bank account?

d. **Debbie Allison (LEAP):** To get an EMS approval, there needs to be an address on the EMS.

- e. **Sen. Bettridge:** I am in full support of this bill. All clubs should have the right to recruit. Maybe Senate can allocate money to governing bodies so that organizations can come to governing bodies instead of Senate.
 - f. **Amy Buck (author):** I am not trying to give all clubs \$150. Rather, I am trying to ensure that all clubs will receive \$150 for new member orientation.
 - g. **Sen. Blomso:** You can include in the bill that articulate how to disperse funds. Societies tends to be better-off, than other organizations. So, \$150 means way more to new organizations and clubs than societies.
 - h. **Sen. Wells:** I want to thank you for coming in and voicing your concerns via legislation. SJC is considering factoring in dues for members of the club. This should be a governing body issue and clubs should come to governing bodies. Clubs, organizations, and societies are better known by governing bodies than by Senate and should request funding from governing bodies.
 - i. **Dir. Manning:** Allocating funds through governing bodies may be the most detrimental option because clubs and organizations requesting more than \$150 for an event will be going to governing bodies and to Senate. We will then have to choose on what and who we fund which will further the issue that the bill aims to address.
 - j. **Amy Buck (author):** We should just change the name of Section 6 of the funding code from “Honor and Social Societies” to “All Clubs and Organizations.”
 - k. **Sen. Chen:** We support equal funding if there are equal stipulations.
- c. Smaller Environmental Footprint Act Extension Bill (Addendum)**
- a. **Rep. McMurray** moves to call a 10 minute recess in order to work on addendums for SEFA Extension Bill **(9:52pm)**.
 - b. **Sen. Blomso** seconds the motion
 - c. Recess ends, meeting convenes at **10:02pm**
 - d. **Rep. McMurray:** addresses table on addendums (wasteful advertising and added Director of Residential Life, Joe Melendez, to recipient list)
 - e. **Sen. Scriber: I move to pass set of amendments**
 - f. **Sen. Scurr seconds the motion**
 - g. **The SEFA Extension amendments pass**
 - h. **Sen. Vega moves to pass the SEFA Extension Bill**
 - i. **Sen. Scurr seconds the motion**
 - j. **The SEFA Extension Bill passes**

XV. Announcements

- a. **Sec. Parviainen:** President Herzberger will be having open office hours on November 1st at 10:00am.
 - b. **Vice President Dueñas:** Thursday at 3 in the Senate office, Administrative Committee will be meeting
 - c. **President Rashid:** Good, respectful conversation today!! Remember, your vote is your constituent's vote and your voice is your constituent's voices.
 - d. **Director Marquez:** Homecoming court nominations will go live on OrgSync tomorrow
 - e. **Sen. Scurr:** StoJo carnival will be happening this Saturday from 1-5pm
 - f. **Sen. Vega:** ASA boba sales will be next Thursday. MeCha will have Day of the Dead on November 1st. First Generation allies will be going to LMU on October 28th to shadow first generation center. Today was World Mental Health Day
 - g. **Sen. Jacinto:** commuter meetup October 19 at the Dezember House (breakfast)
 - h. **Sen. Wells:** tomorrow and Wednesday will be the Red Flag campaign for domestic violence awareness month
 - i. **Associate Dean Hartman:** Faculty are aware of more religious-based holidays and will be more accepting of students missing class for observing these holidays. Dean Perez will be sending out an e-mail tomorrow morning.
- XVI. Meeting is adjourned at 10:17 pm by Sen. Scurr.**

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*