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Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:06 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Introduction of Faculty Advisor – **Professor Paul Kjellburg**
- IV. Inspirational quote **Dir. Manning**

- V. **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 humility.
Read by Sen. Laguna at 7:08pm
- VI. **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. 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:** Sen. Jacinto
 - c. **Unexcused:**
- VII. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - a. Amendment noted by **Sen. Boynton**
 - b. Approved by **Sen. Vega**; seconded by **Sen. Blomso**
- VIII. **President’s Message- President Rashid**
 - a. Sports Fest conversation was constructive. Senators Bettridge and Scurr attended with President Rashid. The event needs to be reshaped and reconsidered. The branding should also be altered. Because it is the 25th Sports Fest, the event would be entitled, “Quarter Qwell: The 25th Annual Sports Fest.” The title has been adopted from the series “The Hunger Games.” Also, teams will not be forced to join (as they were in past years) and rather, students interested can form their own teams. The opening ceremonies for Sport Fest is focused on being a campus-wide event that is more “hype” than previous years. President Rashid encourages

senators to get in touch with constituents to touch on new Sports Fest ideas. Pres. Rashid had a parking meeting with Campus Security, Prof. Joyce Kaufman, Dean Perez, Vice President Duenas, were among those in attendance. The only changes that are agreed upon pertaining to parking will be seen in the Mendenhall Parking Lot. The spaces will not only be open to commuters, but staff and other students as well. 10 additional spots will be introduced once Science Learning Center clean-up is finished. FSP (facilities services) contract is known as a “level of service contract.” The type of contract allows for changes to be made with the total number of staff, but must be agreed upon by the facilities provider (FSP).

- b. Sen. Fossier asks about the costs of additional FSP workers
- c. Pres. Rashid responds by saying, “I will be finding those numbers in my meeting with CFO Jim Dunkleman.”
- d. Sen. Boynton asks Pres. Rashid if he has had any meetings with FSP. Pres. Rashid responded by saying, “I e-mailed them but have not received a response. However, they will be present in my meeting with Jim Dunkleman.”
- e. Pres. Rashid commends the table for their efforts so far this year. Pres. Rashid highlights the importance of constructive dialogue and to ensure that we are carrying out our mission with integrity and respect.

IX. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Heymans

General Fund Balance: ~\$106,570.00

Total Funds Allocated Thus Far: \$10,670

Operational Account Balance: \$ 11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: \$25,593.58

First Readings Pending \$900.00

Daily Calendar Considerations: \$27,840.65

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

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

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

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

X. Constituent Reports

a. Academics Affair Council- *Sen. Blomso*

a. Still in process of reaching out to English and language departments about DSC. Goal is to go into the classrooms to enlighten students about DSC.

b. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Jacinto*

a. (Presented by Sen. Scurr) Commuter turnout was great! 50-60 students showed up and we even ran out of food. Commuter lounge (Ettinger Lounge) is now open. There was an issue with commuters about false advertising on Dodger's game. The flier stated the event was "all you can eat," but in fact the event was not "all you can eat."

b. Dir. Marquez apologies for the mistake and is working on refunds for all students.

c. Residence Hall Representative - *Sen. Scurr*

a. Residence halls: not many people came to talk about residence halls to student feedback committee. AC problem felt around campus was fixed this weekend. Sewage issues in Sto/Jo area have been fixed. Leaking AC units have been fixed as well. Occupancy on campus: 90.01% (currently 85 vacancies in residence halls, which has declined since previous years). 7 year renovation plan – want to get 4-5 residents about opinions on dorms.

d. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Pistolesi*

a. Only one washer/dryer in Ball hall.

e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Laguna*

a. Positive reviews on William Penn Welcome Back Dance. WC Tennis banner has been stolen. Students felt left out with SLC Grand Opening Dinner.

f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Brown*

a. Positive feedback on last week's meeting. Constituents like the live feedback. Counseling Center is now open on weekends. President Rashid comments that there are now counselors on call for students. The trustees had good things to say about the Senators!

g. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Scriber*

- a. In contact with James Dial and will be meeting on Wednesday. We will be talking about vegetarian options in CI and students are allergic to pesticides used on fruit in the CI.
- h. Diversity Council Representative - Sen. Vega
 - a. FSP workers are able to accept tips from students. There are only two workers who take out all of the trash in all 12 buildings on campus during the weekends. The fountain outside of the SLC was on for testing.
- i. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Bettridge*
 - a. ICC had its first meeting! Two new clubs were inducted. Sewage leak outside of Johnson Hall has been fixed.
- j. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Wells*
 - a. Wednesday from 12-2 will be our Sioux Pipeline Protest outside of the rock. Still working on our constitution. Our constituents need to have a clear understanding of SJC. Our first meeting will be held next week (TBD on location, day, and time).
- k. Media Council Representative - Sen. Boynton
 - a. Independent contractor hired by the QC has been helping a lot with technical side of QC. \$9,600 passed for Sigma Tau Delta (they will be bringing two speakers onto campus this year). \$1,190 for VPS was approved for the year. New black lawn chairs on North Lawn are a nice touch and students would like to see more on campus. Planning on doing a recruitment night in campus courtyard.
- l. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Representative - *Sen. Angileri*
 - a. Men's cross country has first SCIAC dual meet. Men's soccer is down 1-0 to Occidental. Men's water polo beat San Jose St. but lost to Berkley and Harvard.
- m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Representative - *Sen. Campos*
 - a. Volleyball snapped losing streak after win over Cal Tech. Women's soccer tied in 2OT with Redlands. Student Leadership Academy is dealing with constitutional issues regarding name change.
- n. Inter-Society Council Male Representative- *Sen. Fossier*
 - a. Athenians will be raising an additional \$1,000 for a budget snap foo regarding lunA. Paragonians are having opening house this Thursday in Diehl 004. Sachsens are having opening house in Villalobos.
- o. Inter-Society Council Female Representative - *Sen. Chen*
 - a. Open houses for societies are starting this week. All-society beach clean-up was a success this past weekend.

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Dueñas

- a. Sunday, November 6 will be a mandatory training day. We will be going over Robert's Rules to ensure efficiency in our weekly meetings. We will be working with Whittier PD, Dean Elizabeth Shrock, and Robert's Rules.
 - b. Pres. Rashid explains that we will be meeting with Whittier PD because they are an integral part of the Poet community and many students have many encounters with the PD.
- b. Budget- Treasurer Heymans
 - a. New meeting time is 12pm on Monday afternnon.
- c. Campus Relations- Director Manning
 - a. Meets Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Senate office. Trying to establish new lines of communication with commuters and FCC. Looking to add programming on TVs in CI, and the Ettinger Lounge and the SLC.
- d. Elections- Secretary Parviainen
 - a. FCC Elections will be this week! I will be needing help from senators to work the voting table that will be outside of the CI on Wednesday.
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez
 - a. Dodger game mistake was on our fault (program board). The students who attended and had to buy food will be reimbursed. We are now planning Homecoming and have a lot of new events. Looking to have a karaoke night in Ettinger Lounge around the beginning of November. Looking to do recruiting for Program Board outside of the senators. We meet every Tuesday at 5pm in the LEAP boardroom.
- f. Advocacy- President Rashid
 - a. Did not meet this past week. The meeting time overlapped with SLC Grand Opening. We will be meeting this week, however. Still discussing weight room hours. There are not enough student workers to keep the weight room open. The weight room/athletic facility was not present at work study fair which explains poor hours and lack of student workers.
 - b. Sen. Campos stated that the lifting coaches are trying to mitigate the issue by finding students who will work from 8-10pm.
 - c. Pres. Rashid: we need to know about wi-fi hot spots and cold spots around campus. Sen. Boynton is taking on the wi-fi issue.
 - d. We are also talking about Title IX so we included a training on Title IX with mandatory training on November 6.
 - e. Dir. Manning reads tweet questioning the morality of \$150 start-up fee for societies.
 - f. Sen. Blomso states honor societies receives the same start-up fees.
 - g. Sen. Wells is working on doing the same for clubs that are under the scope of SJC.

h. Sen. Boynton interjects, “why do we not have societies go to ISC for funding?”

i. Funding for ISC comes from senate and also society members.

g. Culinary- Sen. Scriber

a. Meeting with James Dial this week about changes in CI. Culinary meets at 4:30 on Friday in the Senate office.

h. Environmental- Rep. McMurray

a. Reading SEFA in miscellaneous business.

i. Student Feedback- Sen. Scurr

a. Meet every Friday at 2pm in the Senate office. This committee has been attended by many first-year students which is great. First-year forum will be held Tuesday, October 4 in Sto/Jo courtyard. Comment boxes are not being used and should consider being replaced by informational posters or other.

j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Dueñas

a. Designing a flier to be placed in different departments when elections come about. Will be reaching out to senators who cannot access senate emails.

k. Student Finance – Pres. Rashid

a. College is wildly expensive. If you agree, come join us. Tuesdays at 5pm in the Senate office. We are helping to mitigate financial hardships on campus. We are experiencing the largest student debt crisis in our history. We are researching finances of Whittier College and other institutions similar to WC. We are currently researching departments on campus that are relevant to student finances such as HR and the book store.

b. VP Duenas: If you have any questions about HSI and MSI funding you can come talk to me.

XII. Public Voice -- Michelle Ordonez

a. My friends were stuck in the SLC elevator on Thursday for 30 mins and the fire department was called to get them out.

b. Dean Josh Hartman: there is a hypersensitive beam that can trigger different things in the elevator. We are also working on fixing communication technology within elevators.

XIII. First Readings

a. Palmer Society Rush – Palmer Society

a. Michelle Ordonez (representative): Palmer Society was one of the first societies on campus and focuses on sisterhood and loyalty. Requesting \$150.

b. Ionian Society Rush – Ionian Society

- a. November 5 at 10-2:30 on Hollywood Blvd will be the society rush.
Asking for \$150 for food. Expecting 40 students. Society has fundraised via uptown businesses for other costs.

c. The Man of La Mancha – Spanish Honor Society

- a. October 1st in Shannon Center, requesting \$600 for student vouchers.
Bringing a play to campus for 400th year anniversary of ... Spanish professors are requiring students to attend the play. The event will need to be fast-tracked. They do this event every year and believe in the importance of having students attend theater events.
 - 1. Sen. Boynton asks about receiving funds from Spanish department.
Representative states that the department has very little funds and helps contribute when possible.
- b. Pres. Rashid: Department money is dispersed among majors within the Language Department, thus explaining the low funds.
- c. Sen. Boynton moves to fast-track event; seconded by Sen. Blomso
- d. Sen. Wells objects to fast-track event
- e. Sen. Boynton: all honor societies are all on one portal on Orgsync because the funding code has changed. Thus the reasoning for the honor society to need fast-track.
- f. Sen. Vega: objects on the grounds that the group had to have known for a long time that they needed funding, so they should not need fast-tracking.
- g. Sen. Brown: is this going to set the precedence of fast-tracking?
- h. Sen. Blomso moves to do roll call vote to fast-track event.
- i. Sen. Wells seconds the movement.
- j. Sen Blomso – Y
- k. Sen. Jacinto – Y
- l. Sen. Scurr – Y
- m. Senator Pisotlesi – Y
- n. Sen. Laguna – Y
- o. Sen. Brown – N
- p. Sen. Scriber – A
- q. Sen. Vega – N
- r. Sen. Bettridge – A
- s. Sen. Wells – N
- t. Sen. Boynton – Y
- u. Sen. Campos – N
- v. Sen. Angileri – Y
- w. Sen. Chen – Y
- x. Sen. Fossier - Y

y. Motion passes with 9 yays, 2 abstentions, and 4 nays.

XIV. Daily Calendar Considerations

- a. **Class Trip to Disneyland**: Tickets on sale via Orgsync, but will pay after they sign up for tickets. Spots on the bus will only be available to students who purchase tickets.
- b. Sen. Scurr moves to fund in the requested amount (\$1500)
- c. Seconded by Sen. Laguna
- d. Motion passes and is funded in requested amount
- e. Sen. Wells moves to close meeting.
- f. Sen. Blomso seconds the motion (8:31pm).
 - a. Table moves to open meeting (8:40pm.)
- g. **lunA – Athenian Society**: Hosting lunA October 28, at the Radisson Hotel. Requesting \$11,356.97, recommended \$9,250.00.
 - a. Representative Hannah Martin: I spoke with fundraising chairs. We would fundraise via restaurants (Chilli's, Buffalo Wild Wings, for example). Asking for money from local businesses and making connections in the community. We base our request from last year's dance. We met with Radisson and concluded that we would take on \$400 cleaning cost and would eliminate one of the ballrooms. The Radisson accidentally gave the society an extra ballroom for free last year, so the society will be fundraising the additional \$500 for the ballroom.
 - b. Sen. Bettridge: Constituents are concerned that because the dance will be Halloween weekend, there will be low turnout.
 1. Rep. Martin states that the society received feedback about the date for the dance from senate and constituents. All marketing will have seizure awareness indication.
 2. Sen. Bettridge: LEAP representative approached me and stated that the group never went to LEAP to retrieve attendance records and that the Athenian presentation had skewed numbers. Dances in general have had a decline in attendance over the past two years. How do you plan to market?
 - i. Representatives from Athenian society deny the claim. They group claims to have met with LEAP staff. Society reps state that there marketing will be long-term and have created a video for the event.
 - b. Sen. Scriber moves to fund event in requested amount
 - c. Sen. Fossier seconds the motion
 - d. Sen. Bettridge objects on the grounds that we should approve funding in recommended amount

- e. Sen. Scriber commends Athenian society for working with senate and student body
 - f. Sen. Blomso has already heard the hype from students on campus. If we give them the chance to throw a good dance, it will be appreciated by the student body.
 - g. Sen. Bettridge: I cannot fund an event for almost \$12,000 when dance attendance have been declined recently
 - h. Sen. Vega: we have seen other societies use cheaper production companies and thus have seen less expensive funding requests
 - i. Sen. Blomso moves to vote for lunA
 - j. Sen. Scurr seconds the motion
 - k. Sen. Wells objects and moves to continue debate
 - l. Treasurer Heymans reminds the table to vote on behalf of constituents and not on personal biases
 - m. With a vote of 8-4-1, we will move to vote on the funding for lunA
 - n. Sen. Blomso moves to vote for requested amount
 - o. Sen. Campos seconds the motion
 - p. With a vote of 6-3-5, the event is funded in the requested amount
- h. Athenian Society Rush – Athenian Society**
- a.Sen. Vega moves to fund in requested amount
 - b.Sen. Fossier seconds the motion
 - c. Rush is funded
- i. Poet Palooza – Palmer Society**
- a.October 8. Expected 400 participants. Requesting \$4,523.68, recommended \$4,180.72.
 - b.Local band will be performing. The artists are recently graduated from high school.
 - c. The second band is from Long Beach.
 - d.The third beach is from Los Angeles.
 - e.The fourth band is from Orange County
 - f. There will be a snapchat geofilter for the event created by the Palmer society.
 - g. Sen. Vega commends the Palmer society for attracting multiple performers at low costs
 - h.Sen. Brown moves to fund event in the requested amount
 - i. Sen. Scriber seconds the motion
 - j. The motion passes and is funded in the requested amount
- j. Brindis/Posada Navidena – MEChA**

- a. Will be hosted on December 11 in the Chapel. Expecting 250 participants. Requesting \$4,000 for the event.
 - b. Representatives state this is their annual Christmas celebration. Attendance last year was 250 and we are expecting the same for this year. We reached out to faculty houses for funding and will find out more this week about what can be contributed.
 - c. Sen. Scurr asks about methods of fundraising. Representatives state that they do not receive much financial support and struggle with fundraising.
 - d. Representative states that MEChA hopes to improve recruiting and implement a fundraising chair for events.
 - e. Pres. Rashid: if a group sells tickets for an event, constitutionally, the funds would go back to ASWC Senate. However, donations to a group does not have to come back to the ASWC Senate.
 - f. Treasurer Heymans: Thus far today, we have funded over \$17,000. Any group requesting \$10,000 or more can no longer come to Senate for funding.
 - g. Sen. Scurr moves to fund this event in the requested amount
 - h. Sen. Boynton seconds the motion
 - i. Sen. Blomso states that he wants to see some fundraising efforts and money retained from ticket sales, but does not object to the motion
 - j. Event is funded in the requested amount
- k. 45th Annual Tardeada – MEChA**
- a. The event will be hosted on October 23rd from 4-7pm in the Campus Courtyard. Expecting 350 participants. Requesting \$6,250, recommended \$4,605. The event is part of Homecoming weekend and has been for 45 years. Last year there were approximately 350 attendees.
 - b. Sen. Boynton: about how many attendees are guests?
 - 1. About 100 members are guests at the event (professors, families, etc.).
 - c. Sen. Laguna moves to fund in requested amount
 - d. Sen. Campos seconds the motion
 - e. Sen. Vega objects and moves to fund in the amount of \$5,250 (a subtraction of \$1,000 for entertainment; based on recommended amount)
 - f. Sen. Scurr: we should commend the group for trying to attract a new audience and fund in the full amount
 - g. Sen. Laguna: it should be funded in requested amount because we serve a large Hispanic/latino(a) demographic on campus
 - h. Sen. Vega: Ask departments for funding
 - i. With a vote of 2-12-0, the event is funded in the amount of \$5,250

l. Franklin Society Open House – Franklin Society

- a. October 4 7:30-9om at Brickhouse pizza. Requesting \$150 for food.
- b. Sen. Scurr moves to fund in requested amount
- c. Sen. Scriber seconds the motion
- d. The event is funded in requested amount

m. (Fast-Tracked Event) The Man of La Mancha – Spanish Honor Society

- a. Sen. Boynton: will this event happen if you are not funded by Senate?
 1. Representative: Yes, the event will happen. We are looking to subsidize ticket cost for 120 student vouchers.
- b. Sen. Scriber moves to fund the event in the requested amount
- c. Sen. Laguna seconds
- d. Sen. Blomso moves not to fund the event because it is ridiculous that professors are requiring students to attend, but will not contribute any costs
- e. Sen. Pistolesi: doesn't feel that \$5/ticket is costly enough for us to fund it
- f. Sen. Wells moves to vote on funding the event
- g. Sen. Blomso seconds the motion
- h. With a vote of 0-12-2, the event is not funded
- i. Pres. Rashid encourages Sen. Blomso to write a letter to professors forcing student attendance, but will not contribute to costs

n. Janel Gonzalez – Voicing Concern (junior at Whittier College, full time student and mother)

- a. Two weeks before school started, Janel contacted Disability center about need to breast-feed child on campus. She has yet to hear back from Disability Center. She now has a breast infection because of the unsanitary conditions that she has been presented with. She has tried pumping in vacant classrooms, but students have walked in on her. The classrooms she went in had bugs and spider webs and thusly contributed to her infection (confirmed by doctor). This issue of no responsiveness has persisted for four weeks.
- b. Dean Hartman states that there is a vacant room in a residence hall on campus that he can give her full access to.
- c. Sen. Vega commends speaker on bringing this issue to light

XV. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Smaller Environmental Footprint Act Extension Bill
 1. First hearing of the extension of SEFA
 2. Additional language would be ended to the end of the bill

3. The amendments are not just about water conservation, but a full scope environmental bill focusing on energy usage as well
 4. Sen. Boynton suggests to add Athletic Director to bill
 5. Sen. Campos suggests adding weight lifting coaches to the bill
 6. Amendments will be discussed in Environmental Committee at 3-4 pm
- b. Sen. Scurr: last week brought up the issue of community damages and needs feedback for Joe Melendez
1. Pres. Rashid: I charged many residents in his time as RA for damages in residence halls. I am strongly against unnecessary fines. How do we fix something when nobody takes the blame? First-year students face fines much more frequently than upper classman does.
 2. Sen. Scriber: The threat of getting a fine reinforces students to deter from committing acts that would result in receiving fines.
 3. Sen. Boynton: Suggests community service as an alternative to fines.
 - i. Pres. Rashid admires the suggestion of community service if done for Whittier College purposes
 4. Sen. Fossier suggests that there should be an option to either pay the fine or do community service. “You can’t fix shitty freshman.”
- c. Sen. Brown – POWER meeting for FSP employees
1. Attended POWER meeting
 2. It is time to decide which senators will be tackling this issue
 3. On-call workers?
 4. One FSP employee was fined for attending Senate meeting
 5. Sen. Vega: we need to make sure we are not hurting anyone or their jobs
 6. Sen. Wells: I have connections with national news outlets. Should we expose the issue?
 7. Sen’s. Vega, Blomso, Scurr want to help with the issue

XVI. Announcements

- a. Happy early birthday to Rep. McMurray and Sen. Jacinto
- b. Rep. McMurray: I do not approve of the water fountains being on during the day

XVII. Meeting is adjourned at 10:52 by Sen. Laguna

- a. Seconded by Sen. Scurr

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*

