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Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2016

- I. Meeting is called to order at **7:00**
- 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. Vega

- V. **LA County Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk**
- VI. **POWER presentation on mistreatment from FSP**
 - a. Management does not want workers to have relationships with students and other staff on campus
 - b. FSP have cut workers' pay (cut \$4/hour) and staff members
 - c. Elderly workers are forced to clean entire buildings to themselves
 - d. One worker is in charge of cleaning entire dorms by themselves
 - e. Offices on campus and the library only get cleaned once per week
 - f. The work does not end
 - a. There is always more work to do
 - g. The workers (aside from the students) are getting sick from the grotesque living situations because there is not enough staff to adequately clean showers, bathrooms, etc.
 - h. One of the most senior employees, one who has worked for the college for over 25 years, left four days after FSP management was implemented because of the mistreatment. "He couldn't take the abuse," was the exact quote from POWER representative.
 - i. The grounds crew is not allowed to enter the dorms to get water
 - j. There are not enough workers to adequately clean and sanitize that even the workers are getting sick

- k. Two of the elder women working are in charge of sweeping the entire football stadium. The job used to be using leaf blowers to clean the football stadium now two ladies have to sweep it.
- l. Company is run as “get in and out” (don’t worry about quality of cleaning, just get it done)
- m. FSP is treated as a business that is not focused on helping and bettering the Poet community
- n. Some of the most loyal FSP workers, who have put their blood, sweat, and tears into this school have been laid off and mistreated very badly. These workers are hurt, sick, and elderly. Some are 75 years old and single-handedly are responsible for cleaning the new Science Learning Center (one person cleaning five floors by themselves).
- o. 75 year old woman in charge of cleaning all of Harris, Wanburg, and Campbell Residence Halls
- p. The facilities, housekeeping, and grounds crew were not even aware of the transition from Sodexo to FSP (they found out two days before the transition)
- q. Student workers spoke about mistreatment:
 - a. They said it is a shame that these workers are being so mistreated
 - b. We pay too much money for this to be happening
 - c. The students and campus are suffering because of the mistreatment
 - d. The student workers did mulching all around campus (unpaid)
 - e. They also cleaned bathrooms and painted other facilities on campus
 - f. Also Moved furniture throughout dorms
 - 1. Essentially, these three student workers did all of the hard labor
 - g. Worked 7-12 on Monday-Thursday
 - h. It seems like management wants the workers to quit
 - i. These student workers were also mistreated by FSP management

VII. 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. Angileri, Sen. Chen, Sen. Fossier
- b. **Absent excused:** Sen. Campos
- c. **Unexcused:**

VIII. Minutes Amendment/Approval

- a. Amendments made by Sen. Boynton
- b. Amendments approved by Sen. Vega

IX. President’s Message- President Rashid

- a. Met with President Herzberger on Friday. Executive board will be meeting with Board of Trustees this week. Will be sending letters updating trustees on campus events and issues. Trustees will thus know the issues that students are facing. Hoping to get a board member to speak at spring meeting. Senators should be checking senate e-mails. Entire table is invited to SLC grand opening dinner. All major donors will be in attendance. Business casual dress attire. RSVP by the end of the day tomorrow (9/20). The dinner will be on September 23rd from 5pm-7pm. Our job is to ensure that we protect our students and preserve our community. Table is commended on how they have handled the events that have been going on campus so far this year.

X. Treasurer’s Report- Treasurer Heymans

General Fund Balance: ~\$106,570.00

OperationalAccount Balance: \$ 11,725.31

Reserve Account Balance: \$25,593.58

First Readings Pending \$28,080.65

Daily Calendar Considerations: -

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

XI. Constituent Reports

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

- a. Reached out to English department about DSC. Will be advertising in English classes and modern language classes as well. Went into Spanish class to advertise.

- b. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Jacinto*
 - a. Problems sending out commuter updates through ASWC Senate email. Talked to IT about fixing issues. Will be helping out Program Board by sending out information to commuters. This Friday will be the opening of the new Spot lounge.
- c. Residential Hall Representative - *Sen. Scurr*
 - a. Have been 19 work orders placed and completed – thank you Josh Hartman. All were completed in 24 hours. Problems with security alarm in Turner Hall – campus security is working on it. Bathrooms may need power wash every now and then. Power issues have been addressed and fixed. Meeting with Josh Hartman went well today. 7 year plan for campus renovations is being analyzed. Wi-fi problems persist in Ball and Turner. Information gathered from IT says there may be system overload due to an excessive amount of streaming (such as Netflix). Community damages should be brought up in miscellaneous business during next week’s meeting. Shuffle board breaking in Johnson has spurred communication on how students should be held accountable for community damages.
- d. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Pistolesi*
 - a. Constituents expressing lack of concern from facilities about work orders. Campus Inn has improved from last year.
- e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Laguna*
 - a. Met with Professor Barlow – head of sports management emphasis. I will be writing legislation about having a new sports management major on campus.
- f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Brown*
 - a. Parking is much better this year!! Commuters appreciate more spots to park. I will be meeting with Steve Delgado to discuss donations that the college receives and where our money goes. What is the fund?
- g. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Scriber*
 - a. Contact Safety Coordinator Perez about Title IX issues. Parking has been great around campus. A lot of issues about choices in CI and the Spot.
- h. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Vega*
 - a. Options in CI are very limited. Need more lactose options. If options are no meat, the alternative is all cheese. Can we have simple roasted vegetables? Library closes sooner than it usually does on Sundays. Housekeeping issues persist throughout all dorms. Paper cups in the CI seemed wasteful. Main consensus is that Sports Fest is “forced community building.” Does Campus Security have the ability to issue traffic tickets?
- i. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Bettridge*

- a. Success of student activities fair – most attended activities fair in Whittier history.
- j. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Wells*
 - a. Hosting demonstration of pipeline protest Wednesday September 28 at 11am. Working on constitution and budget for clubs involved in SJC. Dean Schrock will be at our next meeting. E-mail sent out with link to report sexual misconduct incident.
- k. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Boynton*
 - a. \$40,037 was passed for all utility costs for the year. VPS is working on a movie for the Sundance Film Festival – script written by Poet Alum. Buzz app still available to download. WCSN spends \$4,000/year to purchase their own internet because the Whittier College network is too slow. Students are leaving campus to do homework because Wi-Fi is so slow. Parking is so much better – students feel safer on campus because of parking improvements.
- l. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Male Representative - *Sen. Angileri*
 - a. Cross Country meet in San Diego on Friday (9/23). Girls soccer playing at Pomona Pitzer this Wednesday (9/21). Women’s golf got 4th place at Diamond Valley. Will be hearing back about gym hours soon.
- m. Student Athletic Advisory Committee Female Representative - *Sen. Campos*
 - a. Absent Excused
- n. Inter-Society Council Male Representative - *Sen. Fossier*
 - a. Society mixer in StoJo courtyard had good turnout. Approximately 170 students attended. Publicity chairs have created social media accounts. Instagram @WC__ISC// Twitter: @ISC_ISC. Sachsen fundraiser at Mimo’s Sunday October 23rd. The Penns will be having the Welcome Back Dance this Friday in the Campus Center.
- o. Inter-Society Council Female Representative - *Sen. Chen*
 - a. ISC will be having clean up this Saturday to show values of community service. Will be held at Bolsa Chica state beach. Be there at 8:30am. Edit to treasurers report. ISC budget down to approximately \$2,000.

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative- Vice President Dueñas
 - a. After voting confusion last meeting, we are looking at Constitution and By-laws. New amendments coming next week.
- b. Budget- Treasurer Heymans
 - a. Need more senators to turn out. 8 funding requests were heard today and can’t be done with just two E-Board members. New amendments to

funding code will be coming. Budget committee will be looking for a new time to meet. Will be meeting around 12-1 on Mondays instead of 5:00pm.

- c. Campus Relations- Director Manning**
 - a. Only two senators came to the meeting. Meeting was in the CI. Discussed new ways to advertise events on campus. We need more input from senators which will stem from more participation in the committee. Meet at 6:30pm in Senate office on Wednesdays.
- d. Elections- Secretary Parviainen**
 - a. Elections meets Tuesdays at 4:30 in the Senate office. Sen. Angileri printed FCC flyers and got them approved by LEAP. Posted fliers in first-year dorms and on campus as well. Will be having third FCC information meeting.
- e. Program Board – Program Board Director Marquez**
 - a. Welcome Week is almost over. Dodger game is this Thursday. The game sold out last Friday even though the Student L was not working. The Dodger game will not be all you can eat, as advertised. Program Board meets every Tuesday at 5 in the Senate office. There was good student turnout. We are now prepping for Homecoming.
- f. Advocacy- President Rashid**
 - a. Advocacy had productive meeting. Concerns with Wi-Fi: people started trending hashtag on Twitter and notified Alumni Board about the issue. Senior admin does not want this to be a persisting issue. Sen. Boynton will be working with Steve Delgado to address Wi-Fi issues on campus – will be looking for a solution. E-mail sent out about Wi-Fi fixtures was sent out. Title IX concerns were addressed. Dean Schrock will be coming to present in the coming weeks to enlighten us on Title IX policies regarding reporting issues etc. Weight room hours were discussed and SAAC reps will be brought into the conversation. Hours do not allow for all students to utilize the weight room.
- g. Culinary- Sen. Scriber**
 - a. Culinary meets 4:30 on Fridays in Senate office. Need better turnout. Vegetarian options in the CI involve a lot of dairy and is not appealing to vegetarian students. People want the specials back in the spot such as the chipotle chicken sandwich. Meal exchange is too late (used to be 4-9pm and now meets 7-9pm) in the day and do not have enough options.
- h. Environmental- Rep. McMurray**
 - a. Working on amendments for SEFA. Will be presenting them next week. Dishwasher was broken for two days in CI which is why we were using paper cups. Meet Thursdays from 3-4pm in Senate office.

- i. Student Feedback- Sen. Scurr
 - a. Meet 2pm on Fridays in Senate office. Good turnout to meeting. Two first year students attended. Discussed a forum and working on EMS to reserve a space for a Forum. Will be held second week in October. Are comment boxes being utilized? We need to promote their presence in the residence halls. An online forum would be helpful for students to voice their concerns.
- j. Academic Affairs- Vice-President Dueñas
 - a. Did not meet last week. We will be meeting this week pertaining to how to best support Academic Affairs Council chair.
- k. Student Finance – President Rashid
 - a. Try and mitigate the financial stress that students are facing. Will be meeting with departments such as the Book Store, HR, and VP of Finance Jim Dunkleman on how finances on campus operate. Very specific committee that will focus on student-employee rights. We meet Fridays at 4 in the Senate office.

XIII. Public Voice - Michelle Ordoñez

- a. New student finance committee – went to business office to try and change courses but cannot because of financial hold on my account. Was told my classes would be dropped on Friday if loans are not paid. The discussion I was having with business office employee was halted because I was brought to tears. I cannot pay loans until a certain date.
- b. Rep. McMurray – what time do busses leave and return to Universal Studios trip?
 - 1. Leaving at 8am and returning at 7pm.

XIV. First Readings

- a. Class Field Trip to Disneyland – FCC (Oct. 9th)
 - a. Trip will highlight modern fairytales and the evolution of cultural stories. This will also allow students who are not California natives to experience Disneyland for the first time. Dr. Wallace has contributed to the trip to subsidize the cost. The cost should be \$25-\$40 for students. The trip is opened to 50 students (15 students in the class, so 35 tickets for outside students).
- b. lunA – Athenian Society
 - a. Representative Hannah Martin has been working with Senate and student body on finding new date and venue for annual dance (there was a conflict with LEAP sponsored Sports Fest events). Estimating 650 students will attend. Had to rebrand the name of the event from blackout (2014) to lunA (new name of the annual dance). In 2014, there were too many

intoxicated students at the event so the dance closed early and thus caused the name to be changed. Attendance in 2014 was down because the dance ended early; however, last year's attendance increased by 150 students. Still one of the most highly attended dances of the year. Advertising will be done by dorm storming and will be using quarter sheets of paper for ads to reduce paper. Wanting to keep 6 security guards to ensure a safe environment. All the people used in the production (video, lights, and entertainment) are Poet alumni. Making sure to put a disclaimer on advertisement about the potential seizure hazard with club lighting. Got attendance data from LEAP. Created a position entitled Funding Chair to ensure that some costs are covered by the society.

c. Athenian Society Rush – Athenian Society

a. Society Rush will be held on November 11, 2016 (9am-6pm). Typically held at restaurant and alumni house. Dietary needs will be met. 70 expected participants (based on sign ups from Activities Fair).

d. Poet Palooza – Palmer Society

a. October 8, 2016 (7pm-11pm in Campus Center). This is a concert event. Three bands will be playing, a fourth band will be playing for free. Music will be pop/alternative to offer a different experience than a typical dance that plays hip-hop/rap. Brought the cost down from over \$6000 to about \$4500. Received a \$600 donation from Hartley House. Campus Courtyard would be available to all students. Food will be available to everyone outside of KPoet. To access Club 88, one would need a wristband – this is where the bar will be. Would 21+ Club 88 attract more students? Wants to do an on-campus fundraiser with Jamba Juice. Will have henna and face painting at the event. Attendance is a problem given how much the group is requesting (\$4500). Using student workers to work event and wanting to expose the event to local community. Will be working with local businesses to try and receive extra funds.

e. Brindis/Posada Navidena – MEChA

a. The event will be held on December 11, 2016 (4:30pm-6:30pm). Expecting 250 students. MEChA's Christmas party for members and families. Local high school jazz bands come and perform. Mexican food will be at the event. Many more families come out as of prior events. Want to have a food/clothing drive. Want to charge entrance fees for families and alumni to cover future costs. Looking for all-female mariachi band to perform. Has connected with Office for Equity and Inclusion and offered many new ideas for this year's event. Santa Claus will be there taking pictures with the children. Will be reaching out to faculty houses and

language departments for additional funds. No funds are coming from OEI, but student workers will be helping with the behind the scenes work with the event. Two different performers will be at the event. Looked for a local band for affordability and also a higher scale band.

- f. 45th Annual Tardeada – MEChA
 - a. This event will be held on October 23, 2016 (4pm-7pm). Expecting 450 people to attend. This event is typically hosted by Unidos Amigos last year, but the organization is currently inactive. Requesting twice as much funding than last year because the bands can play a diverse/better range of music. Last year about 300 people attended. Will be inducting a standout alumni into the hall of fame (annual induction). OEI student workers will help work event. The mariachi band is a married couple who has an entire band perform. The \$2,000 request will cover a mariachi band and hopefully another group as well. Chances of receiving funding from OEI is very unlikely. Will be asking for funding from faculty houses. A typical year's attendance is usually between 300-350 people. Was funded in 2014 and 2015. Last year's funding request from Senate was \$1,000 less than it is this year. This is a great way for students to network and connect with alumni.
- g. Debate Viewing Party – LEAP Office
 - a. Hosting a presidential debate viewing party. Requesting \$150 for food and \$60 for drinks and \$30 for a server. Expecting 50 participants. Voter Outreach Coalition has been started to promote general common knowledge on this year's debate and how to get registered to vote. Richard Nixon club, Poets for Bernie Sanders club, and political science department has been notified of the event in order to try and attract a diverse range of students. The event will be possibly hosted in Club 88 – not in the library. In contact with Prof. Angevine to have post-debate discussion. Event needs to be fast-tracked because the debate is Monday. Motion to fast-track by Sen. Bettridge and seconded by Sen. Vega. Sen. Blomso objects to motion. Cycle of debate ensues.
 1. Sen. Vega commends LEAP for being prepared on event knowledge and promotions. Believes preparations were well thought out
 2. Sen. Bettridge defends Sen. Vega's claims for solid preparation.
 3. Sen. Blomso suggests that we are setting a bad precedent by fast-tracking all events.
 4. Sen. Boynton defends Sen. Blomso on precedent.
 5. Sen. Scriber moves to enter another cycle of debate.

6. Sen. Laguna seconds motion
7. Sen. Vega states that this event is only \$250, rather a dance we funded for \$9,000.
8. Sen. Laguna states the importance of having an enlightened student body on public policy and the presidential election.
9. Rep. McMurray states that during our senate retreat we decided not to fast-track events (if avoidable). She supports the event, but wants to set a concrete precedent on fast-tracking events
10. Sen. Brown shares that we need to ask more questions about the event and why the organization needs to fast-track.
11. Sen. Vega moves to vote on fast-tracking
12. Sen. Scurr seconds the motion to vote to fast-track event
13. 8 vote to fast-track, 4 vote in opposition to fast-track, 2 abstentions
14. Majority of 8 to fast-track approves the fast-track. Moved to daily calendar considerations

h. Franklin Society Open House – Franklin Society

- a. October 4, 2016 (7:30-9pm at Brickhouse pizza). Annual open house location.

XV. Daily Calendar Considerations

- a. Debate Viewing Party – LEAP: Budget submitted today because the last week was spent assuring that there were no scheduling conflicts with the library’s debate viewing party. The LEAP viewing party is more social/structured with wanting to engage in discourse post-debate. Asked political science department for funding but asked too late. Also wanted to ensure that the budget quote was correct before asking for funding. Sen. Laguna moves to fund event in requested amount, seconded by Sen. Scurr; motion passes and is funded in requested amount.

XVI. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Sen. Blomso – Committees: how can we advertise committees to entire student body? How can table do voter registration/outreach? POWER is the most significant issue that the table is facing – we need to act on that before anything else. We need to try and have every senators’ name on a bill in response to POWER. First POWER meeting on Thursday Sept. 21 at 4:30 pm in Diehl 118.

XVII. Announcements

- a. **Elections committee meets tomorrow at 4:30pm in the Senate office.**

XVIII. Meeting is adjourned at 11:29 pm by **Sen. Scurr**.

Respectfully Submitted by John Parviainen, *Secretary of ASWC*

