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Meeting Minutes for February 12th, 2018

I. Meeting is called to order at 7:06PM

II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

“Treasure your relationships, not your possessions.”—Anthony J. D’Angelo

III. 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 its actions, the Senate will serve the students first with integrity, dedication, responsibility and humility.

Read by Sen. Lira

IV. Roll Call-Secretary Martin

- a. **Present:** President Scurr, Vice President Monreal, Treasurer Conlon, Director Zonni, Director Wells, Representative Bertelsen, Senator Trout, Senator Gelinas, Senator Delgado, Senator Joachim, Senator Reeder, Senator Lowinger, Senator Gonzalez, Senator Segura, Senator Hills, Senator Merino, Senator Johnson, Senator Lira, Senator Bang-Guerin
- b. **Absent excused:** Senator Olague
- c. **Unexcused:** Senator Grossman, Senator Yitayew

V. Minutes Amendment/Approval

- a. **Approved by Sen. Hills**
- b. **Seconded by Sen. Merino**

VI. Public Voice

a. Program Board Concern from Rudy Marquez

a. I was a big part in the creation of Whittfest but was forced to resign as chair because I was told that I had to be part of both Program Board and Whittfest, but that is not in their constitution. I’m not sure if it has to do with how I present my identity because I was the only member of color on the board.

b. Sec. Martin: I’m sorry that this has happened to you and that the institution has failed to provide resources and support for you. We as a table have worked tirelessly on our own governing documents and will be reviewing this document to follow up on these inconsistencies. If you need someone to be with you through this process, eboard and I have discussed that any one of us feel comfortable being that advocate for you. We take any direct action against these administrators, but we can help you

understand the process that would follow with Human Resources and be that person that stands by your side while you go through the process.

VII. President's Message- President Scurr

- a. Aloha, all! I hope everyone had a great first full week of classes and is getting the hang of things once again. I spent most of it cementing my own schedule and switching classes, so I do not have anything big just yet to report to you all today.
- b. Thank you to those senators in attendance at our Spring retreat on Friday. Remember to reach out to your new pod leader for assistance with your goals throughout the Spring semester. To focus on one project and see it through is an achievement in and of itself. As we go into another meeting and another week of classes, make time to reflect on what you did well last week and what you aim to improve this week. And don't forget to breathe!

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Conlon

- a. General Fund Balance: \$51229.09
- b. Operational Account Balance: \$12443.79
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$8455.57
- d. Allocated thus far: \$32.230
- e. First readings:\$11075
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$10336.12

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair – *Sen. Trout*
 - a. A survey is being put together to get a better idea of how students feel about how well their academic concerns are being addressed. Please be on the lookout for the survey in your student email!
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gelinis*
 - a. N/A
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Delgado*
 - a. I will be following up again on the transit tap cards.
- d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Yitayew*
 - a. N/A
- e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Reeder*
 - a. Students have come to me with concerns of discrimination from various offices on campus. This is deeply concerning to me and I will be following up on these claims.
- f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Grossman*
 - a. N/A
- g. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Joachim*
 - a. Following up the report on feminine hygiene products from last week, I compiled a list of schools that have pursued a similar goal and I have started reaching out to them in order to get an estimated cost for Whittier

if we were to pursue a similar goal. I would also like to thank program board for a wonderful week and also the Whittfest committee for their hard work!

- h. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Lowinger***
 - a. Constituents have again brought to my attention the lack of visibility on the northernmost section of Earlham Drive. I have reached out to Campus Safety and will be scheduling a meeting soon to address this issue and to discuss potential solutions.
 - b. In addition, I have also been speaking with constituents about the possibility of creating a Women's Center on campus. Several constituents are in favor of this development, however some have expressed to me their confusion as to why a Women's Center is necessary when there are already numerous resources on campus that serve similar purposes. I am confident that the rationale behind this potential resource will become more clear as discussion continues.
- i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Gonzalez***
 - a. Diversity Council's next meeting is next Tuesday at 5:30pm in the OEI. The OEI is hosting the first of the Spilling the Tea on Diversity Dialogue Series for this semester tomorrow. The conversation topic will be on microaggressions, what are they, and how do we respond to them. The event will be tomorrow, Tuesday Feb. 13th, from 6pm-7pm in Stauffer Hall and is open to all students and snacks and refreshments will be provided.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Hills***
 - a. Our first meeting for ICC will be **Thursday, February 15th at 4:30pm in Club 88**. I can't wait to see you all there and I'm looking forward to a productive Spring together!
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Segura***
 - a. Food recovery has changed their meeting times to Monday and Friday at 2:30pm in front of the CI promotional tables.
 - b. Our last Social Justice Coalition went amazing! Former ASWC President Amir gave an informative speech in regards to being Muslim in the States.
- l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Merino***
 - a. QCTV
 - 1. Wellness week this week
 - b. KPOET
 - 1. Open mic next Friday! 6-8:30 p.m. at the campus center
 - 2. Sign up sheet will be at the KPOET door
 - c. VPS

- 1. Working on Spanish film fest
 - d. QC
 - 1. KPOET album review will be running in QC (yay for collab)
 - 2. Previewing open mic and the poetry mug)
 - 3. News is running a series on the district two candidates to keep our campus involved
 - a. Also whittfest revealed
 - b. Angevine and Hannah Martin Women's Center
 - c. New security in the library
 - e. WCSN
 - 1. Mens basketball game wednesday and next Tuesday
 - 2. This coming saturday double header for baseball
 - m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep- *Sen. Johnson*
 - a. **Men's Basketball** - The men's basketball team went 1-1 this past week, losing a close game to Chapman, but went on the upset Occidental later on in the week 74-73 after another game winner by Louis Kurihara.
 - b. **Men's Swimming and Diving** - Competed against Occidental this past weekend on Saturday, celebrating Senior Day! The poets won the Medley Relay, the 100 IM and the 100 Breaststroke.
 - c. **Men's Golf** - After nearly two weeks off, the Men's Golf team will travel to Ventura for the SCIAC #1 matchup.
 - n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep- *Sen. Olague*
 - a. Women's Basketball fell to Chapman in a close match 59-50 on Wednesday, but picked up a huge win over Occidental 61-55. With 3 minutes left in the game, Poets were down 55-51 and picked up a 10-0 run that led to their win!
 - b. Softball faced two double headers this weekend, Saturday against Lewis & Clark and Sunday against George Fox. First game against Lewis & Clark they fell 8-4, but came back with a win 12-6. They faced two tough losses on Sunday against George Fox losing 11-2 and 4-2.
 - c. Swim and Dive had their senior meet against Occidental last Saturday. They fell 152-127.
 - o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. Lira*
 - a. My co-representative will update the table.
 - p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Bang-Guerin*
 - a. NME is going well and we are all excited for convocation! Both Sachsens and Penns are here for a funding request tonight.
- X. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Administrative – *Vice President Monreal*
 - a. Nothing new to report.

- b. Budget- *Treasurer Conlon***
 - a. Did not fund anything today. Heard first readings for three events one from Psi Chi and two from the OEI. They will be voted on next week.
- c. Campus Relations- *Director Wells***
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- d. Elections- *Secretary Martin***
 - a. Nothing from Elections, but Senators, please sign up for office hours in your senate binders. Remember the idea is to have as many hours available to the public with a senator present as possible.
- e. Program Board – *Director Zonni***
 - a. We had a very successful Welcome Back Week and were so happy to bring such fun and memorable events to our fellow Poets!
 - b. Battle of the Bands update:
 - 1. Battle of the Bands will be held on March 8th from 4pm to 7pm in Club 88
 - 2. Sign ups will be on OrgSync and an email will be sent out to the StudentL in the next day or two
 - c. Whittfest updates
 - 1. An information session about committees will be held next Thursday the 22nd at 4:30pm in Club 88 (food will be provided!)
 - 2. There will be three committees: hospitality, marketing and sponsorships
- f. Advocacy- *President Scurr***
 - a. In attendance: Treas. Conlon, Sen. Joachim, Sen. Gonzalez
 - b. Made updates and changes to bill on Feminine Hygiene Products drafted by Sen. Joachim. Added evidence of other institutions similar to Whittier College providing these products to their student body.
- g. Culinary- *Director Wells***
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- h. Student Feedback- *Sen. Olague***
 - a. We will be working to set up our 2nd annual town hall this upcoming semester! We will be working with President Scurr to set this up. If any senators are interested in Student Feedback Committee, please let me know ASAP along with your availability!
- i. Student Finance – *Treasurer Conlon***
 - a. Senator Lira has joined myself in becoming part of the committee. We are working on setting a meeting time this week and look forward to advocating for students with concerns regarding finances at the college.
- j. Environmental-*Rep. Bertelsen***

- a. I will be meeting with the environmental committee this Thursday, the first time this year.
- b. I have been working alongside with the Wellness Center in focusing on the art mural and rejuvenation of the outdoor space. An email was sent out from the Wellness Center asking for ICC & ISC club and student organization emails including societies on campus.
- c. I have also been communicating back and forth with Jonathan Estrella head of facilities and a representative from a sustainable 3rd party that uses technology to help with waste management on campus called BigBelly. I am trying to schedule with Jonathan an informational meeting this Friday (2/16) with BigBelly, last week I was unable to connect with Jonathan due to “an emergency” that took place. I am in conversation with both individuals.

XI. First Readings

a. Psychedelic Circus

- a. Requesting \$11075 for nimal exhibition, liquor liscense, inflatables,

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

a. Penntronic 2018

- a. To follow up on last week, a tent would cost \$500 but we feel comfortable that we don't need it.
- b. I move to fund this event in the requested amount – Sen. Trout
- c. I second. -Sen. Reeder
- d. I call the question –Sen. Gonzalez
- e. This event is funded in the requested amount.

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

a. Women's Center

- a. I appreciate all of you that got feedback from your constituents on the women's center. I have a meeting with Dean Perez to discuss the history of resources on campus and to get a general idea of what we are working with as far as resources and the potential for this project. For clarification, I believe that the biggest contribution that this will give to the school is the physical space for students that identify as women to gather to receive and learn about resources on campus. I think one area that is lacking on campus is education on women's issues and a place to have these discussions in a safe space. I imagine the best way to describe this is to draw a parallel to the Office of Equity and Inclusion; the resources that the OEI provides were already available, but the office itself provides a particular kind of safe haven to discuss these issues.
- b. Sen. Trout: some of my constituents were wondering if this center would be trans-inclusive?

1. Sec. Martin: yes, the way that I imagine this center, it would be inclusive of all peoples that identify as women or femme individuals. Those that identify as men are welcome to help provide resources and support, but the resources themselves will be geared more toward women.
- b. Director Wells as resigned. Please reviews tweets for details. She has announced that Senator Yitayew has resigned for similar reasons.
- c. Senator Gelinas: I am deeply upset about this and realize that we as a Senate fail to address these issues because administration does not take Senate seriously in my experience. For these reasons, I also resign.
- d. After some debate about whether to include the public or not (as a way to give the table privacy to reconvene before responding), the table has decided to close the meeting to administration only, allowing ten minutes for the table to gather their thoughts with the public present before opening discussion to the public.

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

- a. Sen. Gonzalez motions to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Sen. Reeder seconds the motion with no objections.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Hannah Martin, *Secretary of the ASWC*