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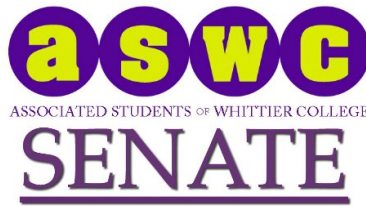
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Meeting Minutes for December 4th, 2017

- I. Meeting is called to order at 7:04PM
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

“Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough”
–Og Mandino

- 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. Joachim

- IV. **Roll Call-Secretary Martin**

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

- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**

- a. **Approved by Sen. Bang-Guerin**
- b. **Seconded by Sen. Johnson**

- VI. **Public Voice**

- a. **Dean Whisenand: Assoc. Dean of Student Research and Assessment**
 - a. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), survey First Year Students and Seniors conducted mid-February through March
 - b. Measures engagement of students, compared nationally
 - c. Will help the institution understand students’ experience
 - d. How can we get the word out and encourage students to participate? What can we do to make this more effective?

1. Sen. Sternberg: In my experience, students respond better when targeted as a smaller part of the student body. Using our smaller, governing bodies may be helpful in that sense
2. Sen. Johnson: My first year linked course professor/advisor had events even after we left the class. You may use those types of events
3. Dir. Wells: What about using registration holds to ensure participation?
 - a. It may skew the results if we have angry people filling out the survey
4. Dir. Zonni: You may offer extra credit in certain classes.
5. Sen. Johnson: Make sure that the information is provided well in advance to announce the survey because a lot of participation doesn't happen because people don't know about it.
6. Sen. Bang-Guerin: We also have a senior send-off event at Seta later. You could have people fill out the survey the first thing when they attend the event.
7. Dir. Wells: I would like to introduce two first year leaders as resources: Our FCC president Sen. Gelinas and Secretary Sen. Joachim
8. Sen. Sternberg: A giveaway or any size for everyone for taking the survey rather than the opportunity to win something would resonate better
 - a. Dean Whisenand: We have considered tabling outside the CI
 9. Sen. Gelinas: You could table outside the CI and have students simply show proof of taking the survey for a small prize or giveaway.
 10. Sen. Bang-Guerin: I would suggest using social media to get the word out. I would warn against competition between classes.
 11. Dir. Wells: The Campus Inn gives out king size candy bars for their surveys and I've found that people do not respond to smaller candy prizes.
 12. Dir. Zonni: If there is a far in advance deadline it may get lost in the shuffle of things. Perhaps set the deadline much sooner than you would like and push it back to create a sense of urgency to get better participation.
 13. Sen. Reeder: Perhaps competition between class courses would be better for incentivizing participation.

VII. President's Message- President Scurr

- a. Happy Monday, everyone! I have one new topic I want to focus on for tonight's message. The President's office notified me on Nov. 30th they had a

conversation with Whittier City about recommendations to the Traffic and Parking Commission. These recommendations came from the ASWC Senate last year for crosswalks in two locations: on Philadelphia and Founders Hill and on Painter at Wardman. These areas have been determined by the Commission to NOT warrant a crosswalk. City staff is submitting a report and recommendation to the Commission on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30PM. They are recommending NO ACTION at this time. Senators, I ask you to be available to speak on behalf of your constituents considering this is still a desire of theirs, and I will help get you in contact with Kristin Wiberg in the President's Office for bringing together a plan for the future. Kristin has asked if any of our amazing Senators can meet in Mendenhall Boardroom on Tuesday, December 5th from 3-4pm. Let me know!

- b. VP Perez stopped by the office and let us know they are considering making the Amphitheater lot an open-student parking, but first-years will still be required to park in the Canyon lot. This will be decided in Spring Semester, 2018.
- c. Here are some fun statistics about this semester! We have had 5 changes in Executive Cabinet and among Senators since May, 2017. 30 requests have been funded this semester, 17 of which were funded in Budget Committee thanks to Treasurer Conlon's Clarity & Efficiency Bill. We passed that Bill, as well as numerous amendments to our Constitution, Bylaws, and Elections Code. We have spent approximately 1,588 minutes in this room. Which is not a small amount of minutes: 24.46 hours. With 12 meetings this averages about 2.21 hours (2 hours, 12 minutes) per meeting.
- d. Keep up the good work, everyone, best of luck on finals and all responsibilities. Never hesitate to reach out to your pod leader and friends for help. A hearty farewell to Senators Britton and Sternberg. It has been a pleasure having you on Senate. Happy trails!

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Conlon

- a. General Fund Balance: \$10564.35
- b. Operational Account Balance: \$3192.70
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$8455.57
- d. Allocated thus far: \$73057.22
- e. First readings: \$0
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair – *Sen. Huerta*
 - a. N/A
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gelinas*
 - a. N/A
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Delgado*

a. Senator Olague and I successfully hosted the student feedback forum. Although we did not have as large of a turn out as we had hoped, we did have a few conversations with some students. We plan to host another one at the start of the next semester in the spring. I spoke to Campus safety regarding an issue brought up to me by senator Segura regarding the ramp onto the Menden hall parking lot. I spoke to a parking enforcement officer and he suggested I speak to Jose Padilla this week. I have sent an email to not only Jose, but the entire campus safety to let them know of the issue at hand.

d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Yitayew*

a. I am currently setting up a meeting with Tea to discuss new leads I have received on the stolen TVs in Harris Residential Hall. I also will talk to her about the installment of new cameras on campus, after doing a walkthrough with Director Wells I also now have a list of optimal Camera positions located around exits and entries of Residential Halls.

e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Reeder*

- a. Three constituents threw up from undercooked CI chicken on Tuesday 11/28
- b. One constituent mentioned that they noticed food labeled “vegan” had egg in it on Tuesday 11/28
- c. I’ve heard from constituents that they would like more breakfast options in the spot (like hash browns), and would also like more vegan/vegetarian options from the grill
- d. Last night, 12/3, the swim team was coming back to campus from an away meet in Washington and their bus couldn’t get through since campus safety locked the gate to the GAC, despite the fact that their coach called while they were en route to ensure that it would be open

f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Grossman*

a. N/A

g. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Joachim*

- a. Students have requested the water bottle filling stations in Hoover and residence halls that lack them
- b. Director Estrella emphasized the importance of finding grant money for water conservation efforts in order to make water saving facilities possible around campus. He stated that safety is his top priority right now, so things like increasing lighting around campus is where money will be allocated first, but grant money will make environmental changes more possible around campus

h. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Lowinger*

- a. Some students have expressed their interest for a compilation of past exams (created by the professor) to help prepare for exams.
- b. Stress is high this week and will continue to increase as the semester comes to a close, I have encouraged constituents to use Whittier College's resources, i.e. the counseling center, to de-stress.
- c. Constituents are excited for the de-stress event during finals week
- i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Gonzalez*
 - a. Our last general meeting of the semester is tomorrow at 5:30pm in the Office of Equity and Inclusion. We are starting to plan events for Diverse Identities Month in March so make sure y'all keep an eye out for that.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Britton*
 - a. N/A
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Segura*
 - a. The Social Justice Coalition had its last meeting on November 30th. I would like to thank the members of SJC for an awesome year, and encourage all organizations to keep in contact during Jan term so that we have a smooth transition into the spring semester.
- l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Merino*
 - a. VPS
 - 1. Doing forms for the Spanish film fest and waiting for them to get back for them
 - b. WCSN
 - 1. Looking to get editing computer for videos recorded during games
 - 2. Excited for basketball season
 - c. QCTV
 - 1. Nothing this week, getting ready for next semester
 - d. QC
 - 1. Covering the ramp and anti smoking campus
 - e. KPOET
 - 1. Postponing the dance/concert for next semester
 - 2. Planning an open mic for Jan term
 - 3. Gathering ideas for a radio play next semester
- m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep- *Sen. Johnson*
 - a. **Men's Baseball** - The bleachers, ADA accessible ramps and viewing area have been added to the newly renovated Hugh B. Mendez Stadium and Adam Elberg Field, the gateway has begun renovation in addition to new three-tunnel batting cages, bullpens, lighting and a fully-functional press box. The renovations are set to be completed before the beginning of the 2017-2018 baseball season.

b. **Men's Swimming and Diving** - The swim team traveled to Tacoma, WA to compete in the Logger Invite hosted by the University of Puget Sound. The team finished 7th overall and junior, Zu Pigot, broke the SCIAC conference record with his 100 fly time of 47.71.

- n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep- *Sen. Olague*
 - a. Leah Kolek from Women's Soccer was named 3rd Team All Region last week! She had a total of 8 goals this season with 2 assists! Congrats Leah!
 - b. Women's basketball had an amazing win against Pomona Pitzer Wednesday night 69-65. An ensuing 8-0 run by the Sagehens would put them in the driver seat at 61-60 with 3:14 to play, while swinging the momentum. But again the Poets bounced back with a 9-2 run to close out the game giving them the win.
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. Sternberg*
 - a. New elected co-choir: Jean Lira (Sp. 2018)
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Bang-Guerin*
 - a. Lancers have a chipotle fundraiser today (closes at 9)
 - b. Newly established Alumni Advisor: Sean Sternberg

X. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Administrative –Vice President Monreal**
 - a. We determined that Anders B. could co-chair the Campus Relations Committee
 - b. Friendly Amendments to the Constitution:
 - 1. Take out the word “auxiliary” (& replace with “ad hoc”) because it is written interchangeably with the word “ad hoc”
- b. **Budget- Treasurer Conlon**
 - a. We funded three readings Global Medical Brigades (\$1500), Mechanical bull for a de-stress event (\$710), and hot beverages for the library during finals week (\$1045). Our last meeting will be this Friday; we have two more budget requests to vote on.
- c. **Campus Relations- Director Wells**
 - a. Keep an eye out for our final "Senator of the Week" Monday posts on IG. Check out our final feature of the Semester, Senator Sean Sterburg. If you'd like to be featured next Semester, let me know!
 - b. Jose Rivera: Assistant Director of Campus Safety came to our meeting to give us his professional opinion on installing more cameras on campus!
 - c. Director Wells will be asking Anders B. '20 to co-chair Campus Relations Committee in the Spring.
 - d. Meets on Friday's @ 1:30pm in the ASWC Senate Office.
- d. **Elections- Secretary Martin**
 - a. We meet tomorrow, Tuesday, in the Senate Office at 3:30pm

- e. Program Board – *Director Zonni*
 - a. Program Board Chair meeting is on Tuesdays at 5
 - b. Held Office Hours - Tuesday 3-5
 - c. Had a very successful retreat -- We are excited to be bringing some great events to campus next semester! :)
 - d. We are in the process of planning WhittFest on April 6, 2018! We had a walk through with our production company last week, and will be meeting with CSC Security before break. We are excited to be having it on the Upper Quad next semester and the tickets will be free!! The amazing artist will be revealed during Welcome Week!! We cannot wait!!!
 - e. Had our culinary committee meeting on Friday at 9:30
 - f. Program Board is hosting a movie night on Wednesday, Dec 6 at 7pm in Club 88! We will be showing Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone, along with having fun crafts, snacks, and hot cocoa!
- f. Advocacy- *President Scurr*
 - a. Test Bank
 1. Professor Riskin, happy to provide tests but no solutions
 2. Professor Kronholm, indifferent, would not contribute
 3. Professor Savala, definitely a supporter; eventually program to provide specific problems, instead of going on the internet.
 4. Focus on SLC and Library for waterless urinals. Need to look into how many toilets are needed per group of students in each residence hall. Sen. Joachim reach out to Maddie McMurray. Jonathan Estrella came from Law School, Health & Safety focus for now. Solar Water heater, on top of Ball but not being replaced?
- g. Culinary- *Director Wells*
 - a. We will be releasing another survey to students asking them what they'd like to see more of or offered in the "Grab n Go" section of the Spot. - We are going to host this survey one day next Spring in the Spot and we are hoping that will increase response rates, as opposed to emailing the survey out.
 - b. We received complaints about food poisoning last week in the CI and we will be reaching out to BonAppetite about this
 - c. Please continue giving us honest feedback on the CI and Spot. You can email Director Wells (ewells@poets.whittier.edu) or Zonni (izonni@poets.whittier.edu) with any concerns/questions you have about anything. And you're always welcome to come to our committee meetings on Friday's at 9:30am in the ASWC Office.
- h. Student Feedback- *Sen. Olague*

- a. Although we did not have a conversation with a large number of students like we were hoping, we were able to talk with a few individuals regarding some concerns. We did hear about the Tobacco Task Force from a couple of students. We did hear that if we made Whittier a smoke free campus, people will still smoke and the ground would be littered with cigarette buds if we take away the disposing spots. We also heard concerns about those who do smoke and what are some ways to accommodate them and/or offering support for them.
- i. Student Finance – *Treasurer Conlon*
 - a. We did not meet this week. We are looking for more senators to join our committee because our only senator, Senator Briton, will be leaving.
- j. Environmental-*Rep. Bertelsen*
 - a. Nothing really new to report from last week. I will be meeting with Jonathan Estrella this week talking about an agenda moving forward to next semester.

XI. First Readings

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Sen. Johnson motions to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Sen. Reeder seconds the motion with no objections.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

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