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## Meeting Minutes for April 9th, 2018

## I. Meeting is called to order at 7:09PM

## II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

If the world was blind, how many people would you impress?

-Boonaa Mohammed

Read by Sen. Delgado

#### **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. Trout

## IV. Roll Call-Secretary Martin

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

## V. Minutes Amendment/Approval

- a. Approved by Sen. Bang-Guerin
- b. Seconded by Sen. Hills

#### VI. Public Voice

## a. Lizzie Wirtz for Whittfest

- a. Here to listen to any feedback on Whittfest
- b. Want to ensure that students' concerns feel validated especially since we use student fees. Our Program Board meetings are open to all students and will be hosting forums in the future to receive feedback. Torey Lanez was contracted for 60 minutes and he only performed for 34. We will be following up on this.
- c. Member of the public, KamRon: My first impression was that it was a short event. He spent a lot of his time crowd surfing, which was really a

risk. He left without saying thank you or goodbye or anything. The student performers were amazing and I really appreciate this event overall, it was really fun.

- 1. Wirtz: We were prepared for him to crowd surf with campus safety and Whittier police present.
- d.Sen. Hills: A lot of constituents felt like there was racialized policing with the outside police coming here. Many students of color were turned away. There were many students of color that didn't get in because they had bags but they were smaller than those of students not of color. Please consider this when you select your security next time.
  - 1. Wirtz: Outside police did not handle who was turned away, they were more for securing the perimeter. Campus safety handled all of these instances that you are referring to. We encourage these students to come to the forums to voice these concerns as well.
- e. Sen. Johnson: Thank you for coming to listen to our concerns.

### b. Residential Life Survey with Joe Melendez

- a. High impact factors of Overall Satisfaction were: Room Assignment, Dining Services, and Safety and Security. Our goal is always 5.5/7
  - 1. Room Assignment 5.14/7
  - 2. Dining Services 4.58/7
  - **3.** Safety and Security 5.7/7

b. High impact factors of program effectiveness

- 1. Personal interactions 5.06/7
- 2. Self-management 4.96
- 3. Dining Services 4.58/7
- **4.** Safety and Security 5.71/7
- **5.** Sustainability

#### c. Recommendations

- 1. New programming model for RCAS that focuses on community development and student learning
- 2. Noise concerns within halls: RCAs will connect with residents and discuss what the concerns are and if edits are needed to their community area expectations
- 3. Room assignments: More time to allow StarRez application process to be implemented longer
- 4. Student learning: personal interactions including how to deal with interpersonal conflicts, resources available, meeting new individuals, and overall hall living tips

- 5. Working with OEI for programming, a current initiative with targeted topics toward students that are interested in that the OEI can help us talk about them and support each other
  - a. Working 10 hours a week with the OEI on how to align our initiatives with them
- 6. Integrate first year students within all halls except Arbor Ridge and Turner Hall
  - a. Opening up half of Johnson for returning students to save money on triple-style rooms
- 7. Create an LLC program for first year students
  - a. Such as arts and entertainment, first-generation college students... Similar to themed housing in Harris but will be academically focused
- 8. Continue with creating new equipment within the halls that promote social interactions and a positive living experience
- 9. Remember that these are all suggestions and are in the draft mode, and we are open to feedback in the future.
- d. Sec. Martin: I also wanted to point out that many of the standard deviations seem to be really high on many of these factors, so although the mean doesn't seem all that off from your goal of 5.5, many of the answers could fall far away from this mean and make it not all that indicative of student opinion.
  - 1. Joel Perez: Thank you for bringing that up and we do acknowledge this. We would like to redirect your attention to the high impact factors where many of the data points that you are describing are included there because of their low rating and high variation.
- e. Sen. Johnson: Was sexual assault or sexual harassment factored into any of these considerations?
  - 1. Joe: I don't know if it was included in any of this survey. We do have a specific survey just for that, the climate survey.
  - 2. Joel: No, it is not. The last time we did it was spring of last year.
- f. Sen. Johnson: While I like the idea that triples will offset cost for upperclassman, I think that it will significantly alter their experience. Will first-years be notified that they will be living with upperclassman? Because it is advertised as first-years only.
- 1. Joe: Yes, we will do our best. Stauffer will remain first-year only. g.If you need to reach me, you can reach me at <a href="mailto:jmelendez@whittier.edu">jmelendez@whittier.edu</a>
- **c.** Summer Arbor Ridge info went out last year! It will be \$550 per month per student and a \$200 deposit. Seniors and Juniors starts tomorrow. Second years are

on the 17<sup>th</sup>. First years are on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that is left will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Check your housing portal inbox.

## VII. President's Message- President Scurr

- **a.** Welcome, everyone, I hope you enjoyed Whittfest Friday night.
- **b.** The President's Reception for Admitted Students was yesterday. Looking back at when I first spoke of this on March 5th, I would have proactively asked for help on specific tasks of preparing for the event so we could be represented to new students. Thank you to those who let me know they could not attend.
- c. I was a judge for the Greenleaf Research Slam on Friday. I highly encourage Poets to attend in the future to witness some intriguing research and work being completed by students of all years. There are great rewards available for those who entered and win Best Overall Presentation, for example.
- **d.** Let us continue with our meeting and take on the rest of the semester at a nice and steady pace. A little planning goes a long way!

## VIII. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Conlon

a. General Fund Balance: \$351.30

**b.** Operational Account Balance: \$4544.05

c. Reserve Account Balance: \$5765.82

d. Allocated thus far: \$78557.57

e. First readings: \$0

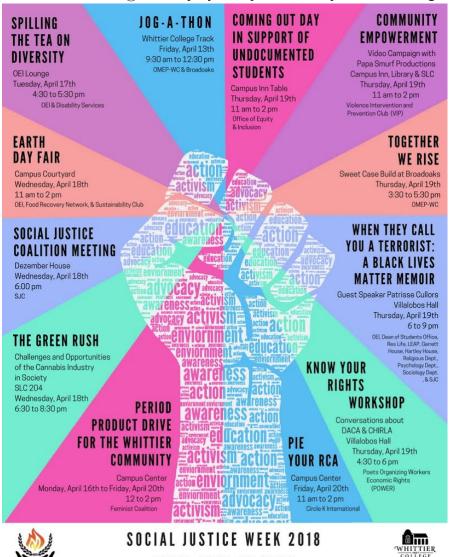
**f.** Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0

## IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair Sen. Trout
  - a. I posted a first draft of an advisor evaluation form and would love any and all feedback. I will be meeting with Andrew Wallis later this week to go over the form and how to implement it.
- **b.** First Year Class Council-Sen. Barrientos
  - a. We are trying to get an art show going before the end of the year.
- **c.** Commuter Representative Sen. Delgado
  - a. The Taco Bar Commuter Student Luncheon on 4/4 was a big hit. We had planned for an estimate of 35 students, the count ended up at a number right around 65. We are planning to have more food available next time.
  - b.A few students from that luncheon expressed interest in ASWC, I gave them the links to apply to run for positions on next years table. So that's pretty exciting.
  - c. A few of those students also asked me if the CSA would be coming back as a place for commuter students to meet a little more regularly. So I will be meeting with a few of them to explore and discuss the possibility of bringing the club back to life for next year!
- **d.** Residential Hall Representative

- a. N/A
- e. Student Body Representative Sen. Reeder
  - a. N/A
- **f.** Student Body Representative Sen. Grossman
  - a. Nothing new to report
- g. Student Body Representative
  - a. N/A
- **h.** Student Body Representative Sen. Lowinger
  - a. I want to preface this report with a quick statement: the following information is objective and the purpose of this report is to inform constituents, not to stir up negative sentiments.
  - b.Some constituents have expressed their dissatisfaction with the Whittfest concert, but did not know the logistics of the event (cost, attendance, etc.) and did not want to make an uniformed judgment. To help students make informed decisions, I have been asked to share the following information that was provided by the Interim Director of the LEAP Office.
  - c. Whittfest Logistics:
    - 1. Total cost \$135,000 \$140,000
    - 2. 60 minute artist performance fee \$75,000 (actual performance time: 34 minutes)
    - I have been notified that Program Board will be issuing a statement regarding the short performance time and the appropriate payment.
    - 3. Approximately 800-900 people attended the event
  - d.To follow up with this information, I am planning on conducting a survey to see if 1) students thought this was an appropriate use of funds and 2) what students would have liked to see Whittier College do with approximately \$130,000.
- i. Diversity Council Representative Sen. Gonzalez
  - a. Next Diversity Council general meeting will be next Tuesday at 5:30pm in the OEI.
  - b.In regards to feedback from Whittfest, I have been receiving feedback from students saying that security at Whittfest were consistently stopping students of color and students have been bringing this up to Senator Hills as well. Going to be following up with students about this this week.
  - c. Also, if students submitted an application to dine with Patrisse Cullors, you will be hearing by the end of the week if you have been selected as part of that group.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative Sen. Hills
  - a. N/A
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative Sen. Segura
  - a. Social Justice Week will take place from April 13th to the 20th.

- b. The final Social Justice Coalition meeting will take place at the Dezember House from 6pm-7pm on Wednesday April 18th.
- c. We, the Social Justice Coalition, will be having our elections soon. To any person that is interested in Social Justice, this is a great opportunity to become stronger in organizing events. We hope there are some advocates out there that are interested in joining the Social Justice Coalition.
- d.Follow @wcforequity for updates on any events relating to social justice!





## APRIL 13TH TO 20TH



- Media Council Representative Sen. Merino
  - a. N/A
- m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep- Sen. Johnson
  - a. Men's Baseball The men's baseball team took the three game series against Cal Lutheran this past week, winning 2 of the 3 games. They fell early in the first game, losing 13-3 but came back in games two and three

- winning 5-2 and 6-3. Next up for them is a three game series against Caltech next week.
- b.**Men's Golf -** The men's team competed in the SCIAC No.2 matchup this weekend and faced a tough field. Tyler Hoefferle was the poet's lowest scorer with a +10 on the weekend. The boys have a few weeks off before entering the SCIAC championship, April 22nd through 24th. Good luck!
- c. Men's Lacrosse The men's lacrosse team lost a tough match to Colorado College 15-8 this past weekend. The team no longer has any home games, and will play their last 4 season games on the road. Up next for them is a weekend trip to play Illinois Wesleyan and Aurora University this Friday and Sunday.
- d.**Men's Soccer** The men's soccer team played in a three-game tournament this weekend at the Stub Hub Center. They fell in a close game to CMS 1-0, but picked things up, beating Santa Monica College as well as the University of La Verne later on in the day.
- e. **Men's Tennis -** The men's tennis team faced two difficult opponents this past week, losing to Caltech as well as No. 6 in the national CMS. Up next for them is the University of Redlands this Saturday at 10:00am.
- f. **Men's Track and Field -** members of the track and field team participated in the Pomona-Pitzer invitational this past weekend. Their next meet is this weekend at Occidental College, where they will compete in SCIAC No.3
- g.**Other -** The athletic department hosted the 12th annual Presidents
  Luncheon last week, to honor athletes who earned a 3.5 GPA or above
  during the Spring '17 or Fall '17 semesters. 130 student athletes received
  the honor and for the 7th consecutive semester the Athletic Department
  achieved an overall 3.0 GPA. Congrats!
- n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep- Sen. Olague
  - a. Women's golf participated in SCIAC No 2 this weekend finishing in 6th overall. Kajal Vitha placed in 9th overall and Taylor Beckwith placed 13th.
  - b. Women's lacrosse fell to Pomona Pitzer Wednesday 21-3. They continue SCIAC play facing Redlands this Wednesday.
  - c. Softball played in two double headers this weekend, splitting with both Chapman and Claremont-Mudd-Scripts. They meet Chapman again this weekend in another double header along with two games against Redlands.
  - d. Women's tennis faced two tough battles against Caltech and CMS losing to both teams. They compete against Redlands this Saturday.

- e. Track and Field competed in SCIAC No 2. The women placed great numbers and finished strong competing against over 1500 athletes.
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- Sen. Lira
  - a. N/A
- p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- Sen. Bang-Guerin
  - a. The Ionians have a fundraiser on 4/20 at Blaze Pizza

## X. Committee Reports

- **a.** Administrative –*Vice President Monreal* 
  - a. N/A
- **b.** Budget- *Treasurer Conlon* 
  - a. N/A
- c. Campus Relations- Dir. Joachim
  - a. N/A
- **d.** Elections- Secretary Martin
  - a. April 18<sup>th</sup> is election day
  - b.Please keep in mind that all signatures and online forms to apply for candidacy for student body rep, commuter rep, and residential hall rep, or e-board
- e. Program Board Director Zonni
  - a. We had WhittFest last Friday, and there was a great turnout--almost 900 were in attendance! I am so proud of all of the hard work and energy that went into bringing this event to campus!
  - b.As WhittFest Chair, Lizzie, shared earlier, we are currently hearing any suggestions/praises/comments/concerns so we can continue to improve upon our event!
  - c. Keep an eye out for a few more PB events as we finish up the semester! We'll be having a Coffee Break on May 3 so we can take a break and destress before finals:)
- **f.** Advocacy- President Scurr
  - a. Did not meet. Will meet tomorrow 04/10/18 at 12:30pm in the Senate Office to bring together a final bill/proposal.
- g. Culinary- Director Zonni
  - a. We meet on Wednesdays at 2 in the Senate Office!
  - b.Our meetings are open, so feel free to stop by if you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc.
- h. Student Feedback- Sen. Olague
  - a N/A
- i. Student Finance Treasurer Conlon
  - a. N/A
- **i.** Environmental-Rep. Bertelsen

#### a. N/A

- XI. First Readings
- XII. Daily Calendar Considerations
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
  - a. Statement on Student Leadership- Sec. Martin
    - a. Secretary Martin reads a statement of her perspective on student leadership, summary:
      - 1. Student leaders are not supported in the best way at Whittier, and this often leads to feelings of frustration. Student leaders should be supported by the structures and institutions of this College and they are not always. We need to find a way to change this.
      - 2. Ten students have resigned form senate in the past two years, and five of these were executive positions.
  - b. Gender Equity Center-Sec. Martin
    - a. I met with Dr. Kaufman and she passed the statement on the Gender Equity Center on to the faculty senate e-board. They have suggested some questions focusing on where resources will come from for this center and who should be involved. At their suggestion, I will be meeting with Jenny Guerra this Thursday. Next I plan on meeting with HR and Dean of Students administrative members.
  - c. ASWC Awards-Pres. Scurr
    - a. The table has voted on all ASWC awards.
- XIV. Announcements
- **XV.** Adjournment
  - **a.** Sen. Olague motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - **b.** Sen. Hills seconds the motion with no objections.
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Hannah Martin, Secretary of the ASWC