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Meeting Minutes for October 23rd, 2017

- I. Meeting is called to order at 7:05pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**

“The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.” –Jonas Salk

Read by Sen. Britton

- 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. Johnson

- IV. Roll Call-Secretary Scurr**

- a. Present:** President Scurr, Vice President Monreal, Treasurer Conlon, Director Zonni, Director Wells, Representative Bertelsen, Senator Gelinas, Senator Joachim, Senator Hidalgo, Senator Grossman, Senator Lowinger, Senator Gonzalez, Senator Segura, Senator Britton, Senator Merino, Senator Johnson, Senator Olague, Senator Bang-Guerin
- b. Absent excused:** Sen. Trout, Sen. Delgado, Sen. Sternberg
- c. Unexcused:** N/A

- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**

- a. Approved by Sen. Gonzalez**
- b. Seconded by Sen. Johnson**

- VI. Public Voice**

- a.** Joe Melendez: Active shooter training tomorrow in Club 88 at 2-4pm or 5-7pm tomorrow put on by the Housing and Residential Life and Counseling Center

- VII. President’s Message- President Scurr**

- a.** Good evening, Lettuce keep the head rolling.
- b.** Besides the second reading for StopHazing Committee via Dean of Students office, there are no more budget requests being heard tonight and onward on Monday evenings. All budget requests until Spring semester are under \$2,500

and will be heard at Budget committee on Friday at noon with Treasurer Conlon and 7+ Senators. Thank you.

- c. I met with VP Joel Perez on Friday at 10am. I brought to his attention some ideas from advocacy committee in regards to AC alternatives: vines by Wanberg, film to block heat through windows. Will need to speak with Dir. Wells and Anders Blomso about focus groups for Board of Trustees Conference in February, 2018 and contact Gary Whisenand for data already collected. Perhaps through a Poet Intern. Parking was discussed next. As of Friday, 301 residential, 545 commuter, and 101 First-Year commuter stickers have been registered. It is in everyone's best interest to have their car registered. Early November, the parking committee comprised of VP Joel Perez, Kristin Wiberg, Joyce Kaufman, and one other (lost the name, sorry), will meet to discuss any reallocation of designated parking spots on campus. Signage is also being updated, e.g. Shannon Center Lot.
- d. Senators, I need at least one volunteer for each of the following 3 opportunities:
 - a. Tobacco Free Initiative meeting middle of this week. Sen. Sternberg is ISC representation on this
 - b. Baccalaureate Committee in regards to ceremony at end of year, meeting end of October. This can take 2 senators. Please let me know and I can put you in contact with VP Joel Perez.
 - c. Eboard, too: Poet Council Meeting on Saturday, Nov 11 from 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM, hearty lunch provided. It is a presidential advisory group with prominent Poet alumni and parents who consult with WC about important topics. I'll get you in contact with Kristin Weinberg, Executive Assistant to the President.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Conlon

- a. General Fund Balance: \$34286.25
- b. Operational Account Balance: \$9183.63
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$11315.00
- d. Allocated thus far: \$49335.32
- e. First readings: \$0
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$11315.00

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair – *Sen. Trout*
 - a. 1:30 on Wednesdays in the Senate Office
 - b. My office hours are every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm in the Senate office.
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gelinas*
 - a. This week I had a phone call with facilities to make sure that our first year event was a go. I have everything set up with them so we have finalized the date for our event which is going to be November 3. Also some first

year students have been complaining about the white boards in Johnson so I'm going to speak to the R.A's there to see if a work order could be put in to have them re-polished. Other than that just finalizing our upcoming event which we are very excited about

c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Delgado*

a. Hello everyone, I am happy to report that the meeting with the representative of the metro Tap card will finally be happening this Wednesday at 10am! Please feel free to contact me any point after the meeting to inquire about the timeline of the initiative and when it will be rolling out. Just a reminder if all goes well the program will allow us to distribute applications to the Tap card at the LEAP office at a reduced rate of 45% off!

d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Yitayew*

a. I sent out an email asking RAs to communicate with the students of there hall about the use of email, text and calls during times of emergency on campus. I haven't received any emails back at this point but an overwhelming number of students i have talked to around campus see it as being a major distraction during class.

e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Hidalgo*

a. Just as last week we had another incident in the surrounding area in which campus safety sent out an alert to the Whittier College community. They were looking for a suspect on helicopter, however I think it's important to maybe discuss with campus safety what is the protocol if police are looking for suspects around campus, and to what distance is of importance to us. I've heard complaints that people only want to hear what is happening with our school only. So this again is a discussion we need to have with campo and communications. Again if you aren't getting the notifications please change your settings on my.whittier.edu or contact the communications office.

f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Grossman*

a. Nothing new to report

g. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Joachim*

a. Students have reported that the internet problem in the dormitories has been resolved. The issue was said to have been with a firewall blocking peer-to-peer connections on the internet.

h. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Lowinger*

a. I wanted to understand the constituents' opinions as to why athletic event attendance is lacking. I asked constituents to participate in a verbal questionnaire and the overwhelming response was that the events aren't publicized enough. To resolve this, I am working with the PSALA Social

Media Marketing Committee to create social media platforms to advertise events on campus, athletic or otherwise. In regard to the PSALA t-shirt inventive, constituents were pleased to have gotten a special shirt to rep their school.

b. An issue on campus that constituents continue to come to me about is the parking situation. My response is that Senate and the school are working to come to a solution. My suggestion is that they come to school earlier to get a parking spot and have some extra time in the library before class.

i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Gonzalez*

a. Diversity Council's next general meeting is tomorrow at 5:30pm in the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

b. MECHA is currently planning their Dia De Los Muertos event. It will be held on Thursday, November 2nd. Day of the Dead is a religious and cultural holiday that gives life to the deceased. It's a time to acknowledge, pay respects to, and show appreciation for loved ones, historical, and/or pop culture icons that have passed away. Even if this is a holiday you're not familiar with, it's a great opportunity to learn more about latinx culture. Last year, Black Student Union participated and created a beautiful Black Lives Matter altar, displaying photos of victims killed by police brutality. Again, this is a chance to showcase anything culturally significant or relevant to your club. If students are interested, they can come see me and I will provide them with the info of the committee in MECHA that is organizing the altars.

j. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Britton*

a. Career center visited our meeting

b. Approved 2 new clubs: WC Veterans and Mental Health Alliance

c. 10 clubs became inactive due to 2nd absence: chemistry club, economics club, league of legends, lions club, pre-physical therapy club, speech and debate club, Whittier College Forte club, Whittier College engineering club, Whittier equestrian team, Whittier inkslingers

d. Announced constitutional reversal of term limit from August to December now back to August in the fall until May in the spring

e. Helped out rugby team with their budget

f. Had first reading of chess club request at budget committee

g. Helped cheer out with their funding request

h. Office hours Tuesday 3-4pm and Friday 11-12pm in the senate office

k. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Segura*

a. The next Social Justice Coalition meeting will be held on 10/31/17 at the Dezember Alumni House. Elections for the Co-Chair of Finance will be open by the morning of 10/24/17--tomorrow morning.

b. There is a counter-event in response to Milo Yiannopoulos. The event will be held at Cal State Fullerton, inside the Titan Student Union, at 6pm.

l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Merino*

a.QC

1. Covering homecoming being canceled because accidental canceled their season (lead story)
 - a. No Senior night

b.QCTV

1. Wellness wednesday episodes on earthquake came out last Wednesday
2. Wellness wednesday Hurricane relief video this Wednesday
3. Cozy concert and mic night video projected to be online QCTV youtube channel this Thursday

c.WSCN

1. Couple of broadcasts over the weekend---Womens Soccer
2. One more broadcast on the road--moving from football and soccer to basketball.
3. Hopes for women's soccer to make play offs -- to be a part of the broadcast.

d.KPOET

1. Open mic was amazing! 45 people coming in and out of the concert
2. Learned a lot on how to better run and format the event for future purposes.
3. Hopes for another one in November.
4. Live stream is now up and running: kpoetradio.org
5. Working with program board on working on k-chella :)
6. QCTV and VPS shot video for open mic and cozy concerts <3

e.VPS

1. Dub sync film fest started this week
2. Interested making a video open to everyone--big email going out soon.
3. Screening on Nov. 3
4. Project due Nov. 2 @ noon
5. Finally got to use new equipment (camera) to shoot some new things.
6. New collaborations efforts.
7. Budget is wrong: business office processed the numbers from last years percentage.

m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep- *Sen. Johnson*

- a.Men's Soccer - beat CMS on their senior night on Saturday. Alex Trujillo scored late in the first half and the poets hung on for the 1-0 win.

- b. Men's Football - lost to Cal Lu this past week.
- c. Men's Water Polo - beat CMS last Thursday, but lost to Pomona Pitzer on Saturday. They dropped from 5th to 6th in the D3 national rankings, but received votes again in the Varsity polls which would theoretically place them at 21st in the nation among all NCAA programs including D1.
- d. Men's Golf - national rankings came out this past week and the Poets see themselves as #66 in the country, their highest ranking since 2012.
- e. Men's Cross Country - they are training hard for the SCIAC championship this upcoming weekend. Julian Sandoval is favored to win the men's event.

n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep- *Sen. Olague*

- a. Women's Soccer had two HUGE wins this week beating La Verne Wednesday 3-0 and pulling up a major win in overtime 2-1 against Pomona-Pitzer Saturday night with a sudden death goal scored by Senior Captain Lauren Kai who was named SCIAC Athlete-of-the-Week
- b. The T-Shirt giveaway was an amazing success. There were over 200 people in attendance.
- c. Women's Volleyball lost to Cal-Lu on Friday, but came up with a win against Redlands on Saturday.
- d. Women's Golf was ranked No. 28 in Division III National Polls after a successful fall season. Taylor Beckwith, Kajal Vitha and Madison Crimi-Demichele earned individual rankings nationally for Division 3!

o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. Sternberg*

- a. Nothing new to report

p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Bang-Guerin*

- a. Athenians: \$3 Snow Cone Oct 25th, 11AM - 4:30PM beat the heat and eat some flavored ice
- b. Ionians: Fundraiser at Mimos Oct 28 and 29 All day
- c. Metaphonians: Oct 23 All day Mimos fundraiser, flyer needed, find it on ISC and Met Insta (mimo's closing at 10PM)
- d. Palmers: Fundraiser Oct 24 at Red Robin 5-9PM
- e. Sachsens: 69th anniversary!
- f. We spoke about campus safety notifications and these were some of these concerns addressed:
 1. We like the notifications, but be more descriptive, because "Police Activity" doesn't really tell us how cautious we need to be
 2. Send notifications at reasonable hours, not at 6am

X. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative –*Vice President Monreal***

- a. Reviewed the changes that Elections Committee proposed to the Elections Code
 - 1. Agreed with all proposed changes except that the wording for article IX: polling with the listed hours should stay the same
- b. Budget- *Treasurer Conlon***
 - a. We heard a request from both Dean of Students and Chess Club. Dean of Students was fast tracked and approved for \$270. Chess Club will have its second reading this Friday. We meet Fridays at noon.
- c. Campus Relations- *Director Wells***
 - a. Meets on Friday's @ 1:30pm in the ASWC Senate Office.
 - b. Keep an eye out for "Senator of the Week" Monday posts on IG. Check out our second feature of First Year Class Council Rep. Jenna G. !
 - c. At our Campus Relations Meeting this upcoming Friday, we will be working on a cool project on the board outside the ASWC Senate office, keep an eye out for that! - Thanks for taking pictures today!!
 - d. We will be engaging in conversation with Communications & Campus Safety about their emergency notifications. Students: Please send us your opinion on the content of the text notifications you'd like to receive.
- d. Elections- *Secretary Martin***
 - a. Went over proposed changes to the Elections Code and passed them on to Administrative
 - 1. Article IV, Section C change "his/her" to "their"
 - 2. Article VI, Section D, number 4 and 5, would like to check if these comply with Housing's rules and EMS for chalking around school
 - 3. Article IX: polling, section B, would like to specify a number of hours rather than the times themselves if scheduling is difficult
 - 4. Article IX, polling, section C, remove because this is done by OrgSync now
- e. Program Board – *Director Zonni***
 - a. Met with Program Board E-Board
 - b. Met with Program Board Chairs at our Weekly Tuesday Meeting at 5
 - c. Held Office Hours - Tuesdays from 3-5
 - d. We welcomed new Committee Chairs and now have a full table
 - 1. Finalizing Program Board's Whittier Weekend Events
- f. Advocacy- *President Scurr***
 - a. Wednesday, 4:30 PM in Senate Office:
 - b. Welcomed Sen. Bertelson to the group; will be in contact with Director Estrella via email. Discussed potential of bringing back Poets Recycle program, with Poet internship offering. Discussed potential hashtag for sending tweets to @ASWC_Senate. Pres. Scurr will be meeting with VP

Joel Perez on Friday to talk about likelihood of bringing in alternatives to air conditioning of non-AC residence halls. Sal Johnston may be consulted, in regards to Wanberg's garden. Vines could potentially be planted, but possibility of rats is deterring this. Sen. Joachim also brought up a type of heat film, which may be able to be applied to windows. Specs of these films go for about \$15/sq.ft, and block up to 75% heat. More on that this next week.

c. Senators brought up to date on railing project outside CI, and Sen. Grossman's MedSleds order.

g. Culinary- *Director Zonni*

a. Meets on Friday's @ 9:30am-10:00am in the ASWC Senate Office.

b. Thanks to everyone who took the "Student Dietary Needs" Survey.

h. Student Feedback- *Sen. Olague and Sen. Hidalgo*

a. the air conditioner is out in turner. We will maybe be asking residential rep to work with us in asking administration/facilities when it will be fixed given the rising temperatures of this week. However, as a student myself a tip is to turn off your air conditioning before you leave your room. This one saves energy, and two makes it so we don't have the reoccurring problem of it breaking.

i. Student Finance – *Treasurer Conlon*

a. I have a meeting with the business office this Wednesday to talk about accounts but plan to also ask questions about tuition and work study.

j. Environmental Committee-*Rep. Bertelsen*

a. Met with previous EAA and will be moving forward with starting off the committee meetings, details TBA

k. *Sen. Britton*: I move to add cheer's request to first readings to be heard tonight by suspending

a. Voted 6-7-0 and does not pass

XI. First Readings

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

a. Female Empowerment Series!, *VIP*

a. Requesting \$2700 for 2 speakers for a female empowerment series

b. *Sen. Johnson*: I move to fund this event in the requested amount

c. *Sen. Merino*: I call the question

d. Voted unanimously to be funded in the requested amount

b. StopHazing Site Visit and Survey, *Dean of Students*

a. Requesting \$3000 which is a third of the cost of the event

b. *Sen. Segura*: What information will be shared from this survey?

1. Yes, but we want to make sure to contextualize the information.
There has been a 30% response, which will be really valuable moving forward.
- c. *Sen. Hidalgo*: Speaking for some of my constituents, some people feel that there has not been the representation for athletics that people have expected, and it seems that the committee has engaged in some finger-pointing at societies.
 - d. *Sec. Martin*: I have participated in one of these interviews and I would like to say that these interviews are an invaluable opportunity for our community to voice their concerns and make the campus the safest it can be.
- c. WRFC 2017-2018, *Whittier College Rugby Football Club*
- a. *Coach Lance*: We want to emphasize that we are a community here on campus, made of a diverse team. We are really family and represent different ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and genders. We are requesting this money to help this group of guys grow.
 - b. *Prof. Barlow*, rugby advisor: This group of men is asking to help them grow. This is a bare bones budget and they are not asking for much.
 - c. *Steve*: We know there were questions about the team dues, those are more for members that are playing on the league. We don't want someone have to decide if they can play just because they can't afford to pay.
 - d. *Sen. Gelinas*: They are not a sport, and we should recognize them that way. They don't go out to seek players and people that go to these practices just join because they want to play. We should recognize them as a club and for their sense of community.
 - e. *Sen. Olague*: PSALA would like to help you in your process of becoming more recognized. We can help with social media coverage and getting space to practice.
 - f. *Sen. Britton*: We need to make sure that we are not missing their point, which is having the ability to go play in the games. It is not about a matter of winning the games, it's about having the opportunity to play.
 - g. *Sen. Yitayew*: Speaking as a student athlete, I think we need to be careful to think of this as a club and not necessarily hold it to the same standards as an established sport.
 - h. *Rep. Bertelsen*: I played on an ultimate Frisbee team and have seen these grassroots movements to get involvement is very impressive to me.
 - i. *Sen. Gelinas*: I move to fund this request in the requested amount of \$5615.
 - j. *Sen. Yitayew*: I second

k. *Sen. Johnson*: I object, and propose a new number of \$5000 which does not include all of the registration player fees. It pays for half of the fees.

l. We have moved into a cycle of debate.

m. Vote of 7-5-1, this event is funded in the requested amount.

n. *Addendum (added 10/30/17): this is not the required 2/3 vote to fund the event, so the funding request was voted on at the 10/30 meeting instead.*

Please see those minutes for more information.

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Sweater Purchases, *Sen. Merino*
- b. The meeting has been closed temporarily.

XIV. Announcements

- a. Track and Field fundraiser- Saturday November 11th for a kids track camp
- b. Medical brigades will be having a fundraiser in front of the CI from 11:30-2pm
- c. BSU Cookout November 11th at 4:30
- d. BSU hair symposium on November 17th
- e. PSALA will be working to help recognize senior football players
- f. Wednesday between 11-2pm VIP will be having the body positivity event in front of the CI with chocolate covered strawberries and compliments

XV. Adjournment

- a. *Sen. Johnson* motions to adjourn the meeting.
- b. *Sen. Olague* seconds the motion with no objections.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

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