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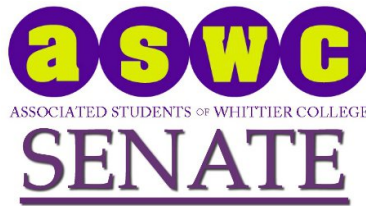
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Meeting Minutes for October 30th, 2017

I. Meeting is called to order at 7:08PM

II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

“Quality is everyone’s responsibility.” –W. Edwards Deming

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. Delgado

IV. Roll Call-Secretary Scurr

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

V. Minutes Amendment/Approval

- a. *Sen. Sternberg:* I move to add a note about what was realized about the voting procedure with rugby’s funding request
- b. **Approved by Sen. Sternberg**
- c. **Seconded by Sen. Yitayew**

VI. Public Voice

a. Representative of the Metro for Universal Pass Program

- a. U-Pass Pilot Program to partner with schools to increase college transit ridership at a discounted cost
- b. \$43/month for this pass that is unlimited access to the metro, but this system is based on a semester system, coming to \$200.60 per semester

VII. President’s Message- President Scurr

- a. Happy Halloween EVE!
- b. I hope everyone had a wonderful Whittier Weekend and have some time to celebrate the spook-tacular week ahead. It is almost No Shave November, or to save a syllable: No-shave-venber. So get ready to retire those razors.
- c. On Friday the 27th, I gave a speech at the Class of 1967' Golden Anniversary Brunch. Had some good puns, not gonna lie.
- d. This morning I met with Eva S. in the Office of Advancement to sign a thank you letter to donors to the college. Millions have been donated and enable many scholarships, research opportunities, and other ongoing projects.
- e. Executive Cabinet met again on Thursday morning at 9AM. We discussed much on how we can improve our advising to the Senate. This is an ongoing conversation, and nobody is perfect. What one can guarantee is that they seek an attitude of positive restlessness, and improve upon their past self.
- f. We would like to commend the Rugby team for being understanding and patient with last week's funding process, and returning tonight to be heard again. Thank you to Treasurer Conlon for his informative emails.
- g. The Whittier College Emergency Fund was brought to our attention by Joel Perez in the Dean of Students Office. We are considering a couple different avenues of providing funds of \$2500 so students may be able to access it in the event of travel/health emergencies, etc. This was made possible via a bill passed last year.
- h. Y'all will hear proposed changes to the Bylaws and Election Code tonight.
- i. We hear you on holding a mid-semester retreat, this is important and in the works. We want Senators to be familiar with each other outside of Monday meetings and confident in their performance Monday nights. To finish off, we would like to suggest senators make a motion for a recess after Committee reports, so we all may take breath and refresh before second halves of meetings especially when we return to \$2500+ funding requests in the Spring.
- j. We would like to ask a senator to move to close the meeting so Treasurer Conlon may speak on funding requests.

VIII. Meeting is closed at 7:36pm

IX. Meeting is opened at 7:46pm

X. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Conlon

- a. General Fund Balance: \$25,354.35
- b. Operational Account Balance: \$9183.63
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$11,048.76
- d. Allocated thus far: \$58,267.22
- e. First readings: \$0
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$5615

XI. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair – *Sen. Trout*

- a. I met with Dean Good last week to go over how this position can most effectively expand its constituency. We both agreed that creating an Academic Grievance form that would be available to all students would be a good first step. Please be looking for this form in an email in the coming week.
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gelinas*
 - a. Met with first-year class counsel to discuss upcoming event. We need to make some changes in order to finalize everything. Also spoke to constituents about the idea of dollar dances monthly. Also supposed to constituents about some of the ideas that we've been addressing in campus relations committee and seeing if the safety emails are a little too much because of the amount of emails we get daily as is.
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Delgado*
 - a. I met with the representative from Metro Bus company. We went over the financials of the program. I am stoked to bring forth a bill to the table to possibly fund a portion of the start up costs of this program, although technically there are none...I'll gladly explain in a quick overview during tonight's meeting, what there costs are. Primarily to students, i.e I'd like to explore the possibility of ASWC subsidizing of a percentage of the costs to students. I invited the representative here tonight to go over the benefits the program has to offer.
- d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Yitayew*
 - a. There have been two reported burglaries in Harris C. Both the upstairs and down stairs TVs have been stolen. This has been reported to campo and it is under investigation. This has prompted the RAs to advise residents to keep Hall doors closed. Regarding the WiFi problem at Harris and Turner, I've sent out an email to I.T and am still awaiting their response.
- e. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Grossman*
 - a. Nothing new to report
- f. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Joachim*
 - a. This week students mentioned their interest in using phone calls in case of an emergency during the night when it is a definite emergency. Otherwise, the students prefer to be texted about emergencies both during the day and night when it is important to know about a situation, but not a definite emergency. Students were also very happy with homecoming weekend and the events that occurred.
- g. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Lowinger*
 - a. Constituents have continued to notify me about the parking situation on campus. Some students have resorted to parking in faculty and staff lots or

on Greenleaf Avenue. The search for parking alternatives continues and some constituents have asked if Whittier College can reserve time in the Whittier Public Parking Structure, or the structure across from the court house, for student use during week days. On another note, constituents have expressed their discontent about the number of emails they receive from the various departments in the school. I will be communicating with other senators and members of the Executive Board this week to see if we can find a solution.

h. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Gonzalez*

- a. MEChA is celebrating Dia de los Muertos with a Lunch Celebration this Thursday, November 2nd in the Upper Quad from 11am-1pm. This is a displaced lunch, so it will replace the normal lunch served in the CI and the first 150 commuters will get free lunch. There will be Aztec dancers, traditional foods, face painting, opportunity drawings, altars and more!
- b. BSU is having their Cookout on November 11th, from 4:30pm-7pm in the Campus Courtyard. And the Hair Symposium is November 17th in Club 88.
- c. Diversity Council's next general meeting will be next Tuesday at 5:30pm in the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

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

- a. Discussed a test bank for previous exams in the student advocacy committee. Any ideas on getting this going are appreciated.
- b. Rescheduled with cheer team to meet next week
- c. Discussed at culinary committee how we will go through the survey and how to get more responses, brought up need for gluten free waffle mix in CI

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

- a. Minutes not submitted to the Secretary
- b. Absent

k. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Merino*

- a. QCTV
 1. First cozy concerts video will be up this Thursday on the QCTV youtube site
- b. VPS
 1. Promo videos thur (Center for Engagement with Communities) night and sat morning (Off campus at Double tree)
 2. DubC film fest due this Thursday Nov. 2 at noon
- c. KPOET
 1. Everything is up and running so tune it :)
 2. Looking for DJ to fill in the slots and overnight shifts

3. Events this past week, which helped us realize that we need newer equipment
4. Event with the Lancers and Palmers (Dec 1st)
5. VPS and KPOET are working on a collaborative space in the office
6. Kpoetradio.org

d.QC

1. Themed issue: half halloween and half homecoming
2. Covered no homecoming game and therefore no homecoming court
3. Ran VPS's add for DubC film fest
4. Halloween spotify playlist on the quakercampus.org
5. Collab with kpoet to add playlists

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

- a. Men's Tennis - hosted an alumni game during Homecoming Weekend. They had 8 alums come back on Saturday morning to play a dual match.
- b. Men's Soccer - had their senior night and last match of the season on Saturday vs Cal Lu. The game went to double overtime, and the golden-goal was scored in the 108th minute by Connor Tait-Mole, ending in a 2-1 win by the poets.
- c. Men's Basketball - hosted their purple & gold, inter squad scrimmage last Friday.
- d. Men's Water Polo - went 3-0 this week, winning crucial SCIAC games. They outscored their opponents 51-24.
- e. Men's Cross-Country - finished 4th place at the SCIAC championships on Saturday. Julian Sandoval finished second, Ben White finished 11th (placing the highest of any first-year student in all of SCIAC), they will continue to keep training for NCAA regionals in two weeks.

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

- a. My **office hours** are Wednesdays from 4-6pm at the Senate Office! Come say hi!!
- b. **Women's soccer** lost both games this week to CMS and Cal Lu. However, they landed a spot in the SCIAC Post Season Tournament. Whittier travels this Thursday to take on Cal Lutheran University at 7:00pm.
- c. **Women's Volleyball** finished their season this weekend facing two losses against CMS and LaVerne. The team finished 18-9 this season which is the second highest winning record in program history!
- d. **Women's Volleyball** also hosted their T-Shirt giveaway for their senior night and last home game with over 300 people in attendance!!

- n. Inter-Society Council Male Rep- *Sen. Sternberg*
 - a. Lancers: Rush on Sunday, November 5th
 - b.fundraiser on November 6th
 - c.Penns: Rush on Saturday November 4th at 10:30AM
- o. Inter-Society Council Female Rep- *Sen. Bang-Guerin*
 - a. Ionians: Rush on Saturday, November 4th
 - b.Mets: fundraiser tonight 10/30 at Blaze Pizza until 9PM
 - c.Thalians won DubSync!!
 - d.Like the notifications, but be more descriptive if possible because “Police Activity” doesn’t really tell us how cautious we need to be
 - e.Send notifications at reasonable hours, not at 6AM

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Administrative –*Vice President Monreal*
 - a.We checked Senate documents (Bylaws, Constitution, and Funding Code) to ensure that the 2/3 vote on funding requests is not contradicted in any of them.
 - 1. Article V: Voting, Section D in the Senate Bylaws states,
 - 2. “All motions shall require a 2/3 vote of the Senators voting and present to pass, except where specifically stated otherwise.” The Administrative Committee concluded that it does not state otherwise, therefore funding requests do require a 2/3 vote.
- b. Budget- *Treasurer Conlon*
 - a. Minutes can be found on OrgSync under Files > ASWC Budget Committee > Minutes
- c. Campus Relations- *Director Well*
 - 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 third feature of Treasurer Jake Conlon (BIRTHDAY - November 3rd)!
 - c.We have been engaged in productive conversation with Campus Safety about emergency notifications. Students: Thank you for all of your feedback about emergency notifications. Campus Safety: Thank you for always being willing to listen and work with us!
 - d.- We have been informed that students don't feel the campus is lit well enough at night. We are looking into who to contact about hopefully adding more light to campus.
- d. Elections- *Secretary Martin*
 - a. Review of the attendance policy
 - 1. Less than 24 hours notice will not be excused if it is not an emergency

2. Please keep communicating with me about attendance
 3. You have 3 unexcused absences per year
- b. Elections participation discussion
1. Will be working with Campus Relations to have better
- 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 interviewed and selected our WhittFest chairs
 - e. We had a very successful Program Board Homecoming Week full of fun 90s themed events such as Tie-Dye, a 90s Trivia Night, Color Run and Block Party, and DubSync. These events were very much so enjoyed by all! :)
- f. Advocacy- *President Scurr*
- a. Awaiting updates on railing project with facilities director Jonathan Estrella and MedSled order via Sen. Grossman and Dean Perez.
 - b. Three new topics discussed.
 - c. Pres. Scurr brought forward student asking for a "test bank" like the one at University of California Los Angeles. This would be a uniform gathering of professors' previous tests. Will be reaching out to Sen. Trout, as Academic Affairs Chair. Sen. Britton suggested to check if this is within jurisdiction, or compliance, of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).
 - d. Jenny Guerra in the Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) asked Sen. Gonzalez to ask Senate if there is a statement in our Constitution against funding events like the one which may be put on by Yiannopolous. This is a controversial topic about the extent of free speech. Senators Britton, Gonzalez, Joachim, and Treasurer Conlon were present and agreed Senate stands behind its Mission Statement which includes the line "dedicated to the betterment of the College as an institution and as a member of the broader community" and any event which goes against this goal would most likely not be funded.
 - e. Treasurer Conlon brought forward a concern of the international flags in the Campus Inn West Hall. The Egyptian flag had not made it back to the West Hall after Convocation, as a constituent of the ASWC had noted. This has gone in a circle, per se, as Bon Appetit does not claim responsibility nor does facilities. This is from a previous conversation had by Senators. Advocacy will be determining whom'st'vely is responsible for moving the flags to and from the CI for events.
- g. Culinary- *Director Zonni and Director Wells*
- 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. Please take the survey if you haven't done so already!

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

a. There was a power outage in Wanberg on Sunday due to the phone lines being fixed on Earlham. The wifi was also out in some places on campus. We will be reaching out to Res Life and working on how to get this better communicated to the students on campus so they can be prepared for these incidents.

i. Student Finance – *Treasurer Conlon*

a. Talked to Business Office about work study

b.They have said that work study should be a reimbursement to the student and that tuition should be paid for up front and not as the school year goes by

c.Will be following up with Business Office for clarification

j. Environmental-*Rep. Bertelsen*

a.Will be sending a message on Facebook for membership and meeting times

XIII. Mid-meeting five minute recess 8:14-8:19pm

XIV. **First Readings**

XV. **Daily Calendar Considerations**

a. Whittier College Rugby Football Club 2017-2018

a. Requesting \$160 for club fees, \$1125 for player fees, \$635 for equipment, \$750 for league fees, \$750 for referee fees, \$300 for food, \$1245 for lodging, \$650 for transportation

b. Voted 9-1-0 to be funded for \$5365

XVI. **Announcements**

a. Sen. Gonzalez: Dia de los Muertos celebration will November 2nd 11am to 1pm in the upper quad with 150 free lunches for commuters and more!

b. Football has a game at Redlands at 7pm!

c. Women's soccer SCIAC game is at CalLou at 7pm

d. Sen. Bang-Guerin: let me know if you will be purchasing a brick, seniors!

e. Whittier College youth Track and Field night on the 10th at 5:45-8:30pm and it's \$10 per participant, one mile community run to end it

f. Youth Empowerment Event put on by VIP on next Thursday and Friday!

XVII. **Adjournment**

a. Sen. Johnson motions to adjourn the meeting.

b. Sen. Lowinger seconds the motion with no objections.

c. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

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