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Meeting Minutes for November 6th, 2017

- I. Meeting is called to order at 7:03PM
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

–John C. Maxwell

Read by: *Sen. Joachim*

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

Read by Sen. Olague

- IV. **Roll Call-President Scurr**

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

- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**

- a. Approved by Sen. Segura
- b. Seconded by Sen. Gonzalez

- VI. **Public Voice**

- a. **VP Dunkelman – budget presented by Keith (Controller)**
 - a. \$59.6 mil, 3% from 16-17
 - b. Auxiliary (room & board), increase due to student population increases
 - c. Adjusted for FTE (Full-time-enrollment)
 - d. 49.8% aid rate, up from 46.2%; Whittier aid up \$0.5million
 - e. Other tuition: WC supports Broadoaks, too, across the street

- f. Whittier Fund: Annual Give
- g. Endowment: investments/interest returns to intent of gift; pooled investments, third party does this for the college
 - 1. Sen. Sternberg: given age of school, endowment is somewhat small.
 - i. Success relies on who alumnus are
 - ii. \$68 mil 9 years ago, fell to ~\$50 mil during recession
- b. Residence hall renovations/upkeep?
 - i. Under student life and plant
- c. Student concerns with employment not receiving cost of living wage increases?
 - i. 16-17, trend of decrease in student enrollment – no increase.
 - ii. AA include faculty and student support
- d. Two structures:
 - i. Academic support
 - A. Library, registrar
 - ii. Instruction
- e. Facilities
 - i. Maintenance
 - A. Cost to keep running
 - B. Different from services like insurance, garbage collection
 - ii. Renewal
 - A. Replacing carpet, AC units
 - iii. Utilities
 - A. Gas, electric
- h. Fund evaluation group
- i. Further questions/answers/solutions
 - 1. Gary Whisenand put budget on my.whittier
 - 2. Tuition increase continues, is ongoing; consistent with colleges across the country
 - 3. Unused funds go to institutional equity; Board of Trustees makes decision: plant renewal, board-designated endowment, etc. Typically gets all used up, it is a tight budget
 - 4. Increase financial aid? Does seem to be a trend.
 - 5. Fixed 4 year tuition; follow competitors (small liberal arts colleges)

- i. Explored last year in Social Justice Coalition (SJC), compiled a lengthy report

6. Rate of increase

VII. President's Message- President Scurr

- a. Happy Monday! Executive Cabinet is planning some kind of retreat, party, get-together. Please do your best to be available at the proposed time. I have a meeting with President Herzeberger next Monday, the 13th, which is also when we will have a signing of the Book of Poetry here in Villalobos. Before moving on, so there is no confusion: no more budget requests will be heard here until Spring semester. As per Treasurer Conlon's C&E Bill passed last month, funding requests under \$2,500 will be heard in Budget committee. We look forward to having the WC budget on my Whittier.

VIII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Conlon

- a. General Fund Balance: \$19689.35
- b. Operational Account Balance: \$6097.05
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$9412.76
- d. Allocated thus far: \$63932.22
- e. First readings: \$0
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair – *Sen. Trout*
 - a. N/A
- b. First Year Class Council- *Sen. Gelinias*
 - a. FCC is still working on our event that we are planning. Some constituents were asking about re coating some whiteboards in Johnson so I spoke to the RA's and they placed a work order so that is handled. Also there have been problems with the Wi-Fi shutting down in Stauffer so I spoke with Res hall rep to get that figured out and hopefully fixed
- c. Commuter Representative - *Sen. Delgado*
 - a. Last week Senator Olague and I met to discuss possible ways we will be acquiring data for the students on our campus that would benefit from our implementing of the tap card program. We are looking forward to planning a forum date for students to come and learn more/ express their interest in our funding this program. I have been reaching out to my constituents and have been spreading the word of the possible benefits that will come about by this program in the next semester. I am looking forward to gathering even more support from my fellow commuters as this week goes on.
- d. Residential Hall Representative – *Sen. Yitayew*

- a. I've called campo regarding the reported stolen TVs in Harris C. I wasn't given any new information but I will be following up on that. I also have been informed of the weak Wi-Fi in Stauffer Hall. I will be contacting IT and informing them about the lack of Wi-Fi in most residence halls including Turner, Harris and now Stauffer.
- e. Student Body Representative - *vacant*
 - a. N/A
- f. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Grossman*
 - a. Nothing to report.
- g. Student Body Representative – *Sen. Joachim*
 - a. Students have been complaining of people not being courteous to the individuals responsible for cleaning the bathrooms or other students by not cleaning up after themselves in the facilities. Nothing else to report.
- h. Student Body Representative - *Sen. Lowinger*
 - a. I am waiting to receive an email from Mrs. Covarrubias in the LEAP office. After I receive my credentials, I will be reserving a table in front of the CI to take a poll of issues that the student body feels are necessary to address. Several commuter students have expressed their excitement for the Metro program, it's nice to see such support of the program.
 - b. I have also been communicating with Michael McFall and Frances Romo, in the future we will be collaborating on the Whittier College social media accounts to advertise events on campus and in the local community.
 - c. Also, some resident students have come to me about inconsiderate neighbors, claiming that their RCA didn't address the issue. I would like to gently remind RCAs to resolve issues in a timely manner.
- i. Diversity Council Representative - *Sen. Gonzalez*
 - a. Apologies for sending the report later than expected. Here is the constituent report for Diversity Council.
 - b. Diversity Council's next general meeting will be tomorrow at 5:30pm in the Office of Equity and Inclusion.
 - c. BSU has their Cookout this Saturday, November 11th in the Campus Courtyard from 4:30pm-7pm. Also, the Hair Symposium is Nov 17th in Club 88.
 - d. BSU is currently working on collaborating with the Office of Equity and Inclusion on having trips to the movies to go see Marshall this semester, and Black Panther next semester.
 - e. MEChA's Dia De Los Muertos Celebration last week was a huge success!
 - f. Also, Diversity Council is committing to having all of our organizations put all of their events on Orgsync.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative - *Sen. Britton*

- a. Discussed how to go about approaching faculty about a test bank in student advocacy committee
 - b. Found out from Kathy Filtreau need to ask ERC to get their blessing to apply a moodle test bank page to the whole campus. If not, we will gather support with professors that want it.
 - c. Also discussed funding an amount of money on feminine products on campus
 - d. Discussed what to do with the condom project Glovebox
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative - *Sen. Segura***
- a. Latino Leaders of Tomorrow will be having a meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, in the LEAP Conference room. They will be discussing a program that they are setting up with Sante Fe High School.
 - b. The Social Justice Coalition will be having their next meeting on November 30th at the Dezember House from 5pm-6:30pm.
 - c. Cochair finance position is open.
- l. Media Council Representative - *Sen. Merino***
- a. QCTV
 - 1. Looking for new members reach out to kreus@poets.whittier.edu if anyone is interested in joining (please post this on the twitter)
 - b. WCSN
 - 1. Congrats for Women's Soccer SCIAC!! WHOOOOO~
 - 2. Volleyball qualifies for NCAA div 3 post season
 - 3. Prepping for the start of basketball season
 - c. QC
 - 1. Covering Women's soccer
 - 2. Texas shooting that happened the other day
 - d. VPS
 - 1. Last Friday had DubC film fest and showed four films- Find it on the vimeo page (google: vimeo -- video production studios)
 - 2. Went to film for the CEC during their workshop
- m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep- *Sen. Johnson***
- a. Men's Football - lost this past weekend 76-7 to Redlands, they finish their season this Saturday at La Verne, at 1:00pm.
 - b. Men's Basketball - traveled to Dixie State this past weekend, who were competitors in the DII National Tournament last year, however the Poets suffered a loss and will be back in competition this Friday against Cal State Bakersfield.
 - c. Men's Cross Country - the boys have been training very hard for the past week and a half for regionals this Saturday at Pomona. Good luck to them!
 - d. Swimming and Diving - has their first dual meet this Saturday vs. CMS and La Verne at CMS. Swim fast!

e. Men's Water Polo - went 1-1 this past week against Chapman and Redlands. They finish their regular season play this Wednesday at 4:00pm against Cal Lu. Come out and support!

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

a. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO WOMEN'S SOCCER!! This weekend they beat Pomona to take the title as SCIAC champs! 70 minutes into the game Leah Kolek launched a long shot from approximately 45 yards out and scored the goal that put the Poets in the advantage. The Poets' next game is November 10th against Pacific Lutheran in the NCAA Tournament. Also, Lauren Kai and Leah Kolek were welcomed in the All SCIAC 1st Team and Jenna Muise was welcomed in the All SCIAC 2nd Team

b. ANOTHER CONGRATS TO WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL!! Women's Volleyball is also going to the ship! They are traveling to face Southwestern in Texas on November 10th. It was announced too that Makenzie Thieme made 1st Team All SCIAC, Ashley Whittall and Camryn Purdom made 2nd team All SCIAC and Alexis Mills made the SCIAC All-Sportsmanship Team. Ashley was also named SCIAC Newcomer of the Year!

c. For Women's Cross Country, Julissa Tobias made 1st Team All SCIAC and earned the Celia Peterson Award which is given to a Cross Country senior in SCIAC. Jessica Iribe made 2nd Team All SCIAC.

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

a. Franklins: Rush Saturday 11/11 Diehl Hall at 2 PM Play some Sports

b. Lancers: BWW fundraiser Tonight, go eat some wings and watch some games

c. Orthogonians: Rush Nov 18th, meet at O Pond 11 Am, goes to 3PM

d. Sachsens: Wednesday Nov 8th Fantastic Mr. Fox, Friday Nov 10th 7 to whenever they feel like, Rush at Shannon Center Parking Lot, gonna go Karaoke and Bowl and Pizza at Round 1

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

a. Ionians: BSU Hair event on Nov 17th, Community Service with Circle K Nov 17th all day

b. Metaphonians: Panda Express Fundraiser 5-9PM

1. Tonight Rush Nov 12 at 9:02 AM in front of The Rock

c. Thaliens: Rush Nov 19th, Meet by Wanberg Garden at 10AM, walk to Penn Park and have fun, done by 3PM

d. Palmers: Rush Nov 11th, Meet at Club 88 at 8AM

X. Committee Reports

a. Administrative – *Vice President Monreal*

a. Attendance:

Present:

Yvan Monreal (Chair)
Piper Lowinger
Nati Yitayew
Jacob Conlon
Sam Johnson (Sat in)

Absent:

Nick Segura (Excused)

Due to the resignation of former Senator Miranda Hidalgo, the Admin committee sought to clarify whether it would be possible to keep her position vacant for the remainder of the year (as there are three other Student Body Reps).

We found that Article XII of the ASWC Constitution (shown below) confirms that the position should be filled.

Article XII:

If an elected position other than the President becomes vacant for any reason, the position **will** be filled by one of the methods below. If an elected position other than the President becomes vacant for any reason, the position will be filled by one of the methods below. Which method is to be used will be decided by a majority vote of the Senate.

1. Election by the student body or, if the position represents a particular constituency, by that constituency.
2. Appointment by the President, with the consensus or two-thirds (2/3) approval of the voting Senators present.
- b. Budget- *Treasurer Conlon***
 - a. Funded two clubs
 1. Mets and Penns for \$150 each
 - b. Heard two first readings
 1. Franklins and KNS for \$150 and \$1000
- 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 fourth feature, Senator Kole Joachim, Student Body Representative (BIRTHDAY - November 10th)!!
 - c. Senators, we have 3 open weeks for Senator of the week, 11/27, 12/4, and 12/11 - If you'd like to be featured during one of those weeks, text me and let me know!
 - d. On Friday, we cleaned out the storage room and started the change of our ASWC Board. - Thanks for your hard work Senators and Treasurer Conlon.
 - a. Please check out the table for some ASWC giveaways!! We love you all!
- d. Elections- *Secretary Martin***

- a. Elections now meets every other week on Tuesdays at 3:30 in the Senate Office
- b. We will be meeting this week to discuss different social events to get better involvement with our elections
- e. Program Board – *Director Zonni*
 - a. Had my weekly meeting with Program Board's E-Board
 - b. Program Board Chair meeting is at Tuesday's at 5
 - c. Held Office Hours - Tuesday 3-5
 - d. In the process of planning and finalizing Program Board's November events
 - e. Culinary Committee meeting - Friday at 9:30
- f. Advocacy- *President Scurr*
 - a. Facilities Director Estrella has let us know the railing is being prioritized in the capital management plan for Whittier College!!!
 - b. I also emailed Director Estrella about the CI West Hall flags and will let everyone know what the response is. Test bank being discussed further. That is it for this week, come be advocated for on Wednesdays at 430pm in the Senate office!
- g. Culinary- *Director Wells*
 - a. Meets on Friday's @ 9:30am-10:00am in the ASWC Senate Office.
 - b. We got 123 responses to our Dietary Needs survey. We will be compiling the data this week and hopefully meeting with Bon Appetite regarding the results later this week!
 - c. We received a few complaints about poor food quality of the food in the CI. We will follow up with Bon Appetite regarding this complaint.
- h. Student Feedback- *Sen. Olague*
 - a. An email was sent out regarding the construction by the SLC. It will be completed in about 10-12 weeks.
 - b. We are coming up with a survey about who would be interested in the tap stickers. Please let us know about your concerns or advice about this service.
- i. Student Finance – *Treasurer Conlon*
 - a. Did not meet today. We will meet on next Monday at 11:00am.
- j. Environmental-*Rep. Bertelsen*
 - a. Determining meeting time via Facebook poll.

XI. First Readings

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

a. Election Code

Sen. Gelinas: Article I: DEFINITIONS

C. "Campaigning" shall be defined as any attempt to influence the preference of

- a. a voter for a candidate, through physical or mental persuasion.
- b. Sen. Bang-Guerin: spelling and grammar
- c. Sen. Britton: article VI, section D, 4, d)
 - 1. In addition to EMS reservation, check
- d. Pres Scurr: make sure to see comments on word doc and discuss comments already made
- e. Sen Joachim: take away restriction in article IX, section B, remove?
- f. Nothing on final comment

b. Bylaws

- a. Article VII committees, B. records: word of caution
- b. Revisions, December 2008 – change to December 2008

c. Student Body Representative position

a. **Unanimous decision**

d. 5 min recess at 8:48 pm

XIV. Announcements

a. Retreat

- a. Panera or Chipotle?
 - 1. Majority voted for Chipotle

b. Sen. Bang-Guerin

a. Point contact for Senior Class Gift

c. Sen. Joachim and Sen. Lowinger

a. Awareness of student concern availability, 1230pm-130pm tomorrow in front of CI

d. Rep. Bertelson

a. Community service hours, Whittier Sustainability Club to go to beach on Saturday, carpool; good for societies and sports

XV. Adjournment

a. Sen. Britton motions to adjourn the meeting.

b. Sen. Bang-Guerin seconds the motion with no objections.

c. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Bryceton Scurr, *President of the ASWC*