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Meeting Minutes for October 8th, 2018

- I. Meeting is called to order at 7:05pm
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote
 - **a.** Quote: "Everything I do is for my people." –Sacagawea 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. O'Grady

- IV. Roll Call Secretary Johnson
 - a. Present: President Manning, VP Monreal, Secretary Johnson, Director Reeder, Treasurer Delgado, Director Hernandez, Director Olague, Sen. Morales, Representative Gelinas, Sen. Tam, Sen. Joachim, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Kotoski, Sen. Britton, Sen. Segura, Sen. Eccles, Sen. O'Grady, Sen. Viteri, Sen. Sherman
 - b. Absent excused: Sen. Moya, Sen. Benitez
 - c. Unexcused: n/a
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval * the minutes approval was skipped as the minutes were not uploaded.
 - a. Approved by n/a
 - b. Seconded by n/a
- VI. Public Voice
 - a. Lisa Dabs running for East Whittier City School Board. Grassroots campaign, teacher and principal and adjunct professor. Incumbents have been in their positions for more than 4 or 5 terms. Her background and experience is clear. Both of her sons are millennials and her focus is how does she reach the millennial population and encourage them to vote and be involved. Her passion and commitment to serve is something she prides herself on. Lisa Michelle Dabs 223. www.electlisadabbs.com

VII. President's Message- President Manning

- **a.** Happy Indigenous People's Day. 3 years ago, the ASWC wrote the Indigenous People's Day Bill which formally asked former President Herzberger as well as Whittier College to recognize Indigenous People's Day rather than Columbus Day given the genocide and egregious human rights violations
- **b.** I have sent out the applications for Residential Hall Rep as well as Student Body Rep. we received 3 student Body Rep applications and zero for Res. Hall Rep. Please reach out to your friends or anyone you know who is interested and encourage them to apply.

VIII. Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Delgado

- **a. Statement:** Hope everyone is doing well today. Finally, we have the numbers settled with the Whittfest refund.
- **b.** General Fund Balance: \$78,550.44
- c. Operational Account Balance: \$2,122.23
- d. Reserve Account Balance: \$17,517.35
- e. Allocated thus far: \$9,837.41
- **f.** First readings: \$2,800.00
- g. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$00.00
- **h.** Member of the Public, Madison: Is this information public?
 - a. Tres. Delgado: Yes, I will be posting this information tonight.

IX. Constituent Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Chair Sen. Morales
 - a. The representative has nothing to report.
- **b.** First Year Class Council n/a
- c. Commuter Representative Sen. Moya
 - a. The representative was not present.
- **d.** Residential Hall Representative n/a
- e. Student Body Representative Sen. Tam
 - a. I was informed that the GAC is being renovated during the spring semester and I'll try to learn more information about when it'll be.
- **f.** Student Body Representative Sen. Thomas
 - a. The representative has nothing to report.
- g. Student Body Representative Sen. Joachim
 - a. The money was transferred for the menstrual care initiative however there has been a setback on the actual dispensers, but Director Estrella has assured me it will be resolved soon.
 - b. This week I spoke to Joe Melendez about possibly purchasing ice machines for the residence halls. I was informed we would have to look into ice machines that do not have an accessible ice compartment, but instead one that dispenses ice.

- c. Students also voiced an interest in having the CI play KPOET as its normal music station in order to promote student involvement on campus.
- **h.** Student Body Representative n/a
- i. Diversity Council Representative Sen. Kotoski
 - a. We finally are about to have an internal chair! We have several applicants. We're still working on the Constitution. We will be appointing the Internal Chair within the week.
- **j.** Inter-Club Council Representative Sen. Britton
 - a. The representative has nothing to report.
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative Sen. Segura
 - a. For our next meeting, we will be partnering with the Garrett House for a discussion on "Race, Religion, and Politics" on October 18th, from 4:30-5:30. Following the discussion will be our second coalition meeting, which is mandatory, that will last until 6:30pm.
 - b.Marinella Perez will be the new Internal Affairs Chair for the Social Justice Coalition. If y'all notice Marinella on campus, send some love their way. Congrats Marinella, we're stoked to have you with us and are looking forward to growing alongside you :))
- **I.** Media Council Representative Sen. Benitez
 - a. They're happy to be able to use they're budget since they are at full capacity this year and if anyone needs the breakdown of how the budget has been spent thus far after the first budget meeting, they are happy to give that information.
 - b.Reports:
 - 1. **QCTV:** n/a
 - 2. WC the Rock: n/a
 - 3. **Kpoet:** approved for \$1,196.41 (but still pending on the equipment costs)
 - 4. **QC**: approved for \$19,366
 - 5. **WCSN:** approved for \$5,829
 - 6. **VPS:** asking for \$20,000 but hasn't been voted on yet
- m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep Sen. Eccles
 - a. Men's Water Polo has a big week of matches. Poets lost 7-5 to Pomona-Pitzer on Wednesday 3rd and Concordia university on Saturday 6th. Poets had 3 wins against Washington and Jefferson, Fordham and Connecticut College. They have upcoming games against Occidental here at home on Wednesday 10th and Redlands on Saturday 13th away.
 - b.Men's Soccer went 1-1 last week losing to Redlands 2-1 but beating Chapman 2-1 on Saturday. They have a home match against Occidental this Wednesday 10th.

- c.Men's Football recorded their first win of the season against Occidental, beating them 28-13. They have a home game this Saturday 13th against La Verne.
- d.Men's cross-country also placed 9th at the Pomona Invitational on Saturday.
- e.PSALA also had President Oubre come and give a talk about leadership and the types of leadership we see if sports that can transcend into our daily lives.
- n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep Sen. O'Grady
 - a. Girls soccer: On October 3rd, Janelle Guzman added the game-winner against Redlands to make it 1-0 Whitt and October 6th the Poets fell late to Chapman 2-0. They're next game is the 10th at Oxy.
 - b.Girls Volleyball: Whittier won 3-2 against Redlands on October 2nd and won all 4 matches at the La Verne invite on October 5th. Mackenzie Thieme was named all SCIAC offensive athlete of the week. Their next match is Tuesday at Caltech.
 - c. Women's Swimming and Diving: First event of the year is the Malibu Invite at Pepperdine on October 13th
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep Sen. Viteri
 - a. Franklins have Open House this Friday 6-9pm at Brickhouse.
 - b.Lancers have a Fundraiser Chick-Fil-A 25 October 5pm-8pm
 - c. Orthogonians have Open House October 15th 7:30 pm- 9:30 pm
 - d.Penns have Open House TODAY SLC 5th floor
- **p.** Inter-Society Council Female Rep Sen. Sherman
 - a. Athenians: Fundraiser THIS Wednesday at Aunties 8am-3pm. Pumpkin Patch Wednesday @ 6:30pm. Pop-Up shop fundraiser October 17th 11am-2pm. Clothes from them. Rush November 9th
 - b.Ionians: Fundraiser at Ono Hawaiian BBQ on October 18th 5-8 pm
 - c. Metaphonians: Open House, Dezember House 7pm TODAY
 - d.Palmers: Open House tomorrow from 6-8pm on the roof of the SLC
 - e.Thalians: Brick House 11:00 am- 9:pm Friday-Sunday, Rocky Cola and Mimo's All Day

X. Committee Reports

- **a.** Administrative *Vice President Monreal*
 - a. The committee did not meet last week.
- **b.** Budget *Treasurer Delgado*
 - a. There were four funding requests passed on Thursday during Budget Committee:
 - 1. Two FastTrack Hearings:
 - i. Business Leadership Club (\$175)

- ii. Sustainability Club (\$394.16)
- 2. Two 2nd hearings that were approved:
 - i. Program Board (\$2500)
 - ii. Whittier College Cheer Team (\$1700)
- b.Sen. Kotoski: Can we start the discussion about where we will be storing things now, as we owe it to the cheer team.
- c. Tres. Delgado: We will be having that discussion at a later point.
- d.Sen. Britton: We can definitely utilize some of the space where clubs store all of their items.
- **c.** Campus Relations *Director Reeder*
 - a. We discussed a lot of things on Friday. We started off by discussing some possible ideas for giveaways at events. We will be continuing these discussions and figuring out what the best course of action is, but ultimately the goal is to get advertising materials so that we can advertise senate in that way. Additionally, this could tie into ideas about how to make senate more approachable, another topic of discussion on Friday. we also discussed hanging up the senate banner on Mondays in the courtyard to remind people about senate meetings. Finally, we began discussions about the Tennis parking lot. It is designated as a faculty/staff lot, but there's always a lot of empty spaces that we would like to see if we could potentially open up to students. These were preliminary discussions and we will be giving updates as these conversations continue.
- **d.** Elections Secretary Johnson
 - a. The committee did not meet last week.
- e. Program Board Directors Olague and Hernandez
 - a. Program Board has a couple of events coming up this week starting with Color Me Mine tomorrow from 11-1pm in the Campus Courtyard. Join us to paint some mugs and plates! Wednesday will be our annual color run event along with tie-dye from 4:30-7pm starting at the North Lawn. Thursday, we will have a Donut Pick Me-Up in front of the SLC from 7:45-10am. Come meet the Associate Dean of Students Deanna Merino-Contino! Lastly, Saturday we will have a student booth at the Poet Festival from 12-4:30 before the football game. Join us for some corn hole and giveaways. Also, DubSync has been changed to Friday Nov 2. All clubs and orgs are welcome to register on OrgSync and submit scripts and music by Monday Oct 22 at 5pm. We are also announcing that there will be no Whittfest this year, the planning for Whittfest 2020 will be taking place this spring.
 - b.Sen. Joachim: Can you elaborate a little bit more as to why you are postponing the planning?

- c.Dir. Olague: We decided this was the most realistic choice. In reality, it takes a year to plan an event of this size, and it isn't fair to subject students to plan something like this in only a semester. Having the ability to plan it for a year allows for a more comprehensive event, possibly better turnouts, etc. We also don't have a concrete advisor at the moment.
- d.Sen. Joachim: Last year it was discussed that the Whittfest chair had to also sit on program board, is that something you are looking into as an organization because it was a hot topic last year?
- e.Dir. Olague: We are looking into our constitution to make sure that something like that doesn't happen again.
- f. Rep. Gelinas: Because this event is going to be cancelled, will you be planning a smaller event of some kind to takes its place?
- g.Dir. Hernandez: Yes, we have discussed the President's Inauguration as a possible event to do something, with President Manning. We might do something festival related, but discussions are still very much so in the works.
- h.Sen. Kotoski: For those of us who were not on the table last year, is there any way you can give us a quick synopsis of the problems associated with Whittfest last year?
- i. Dir. Hernandez: There were issues with the Whittfest Chairs as it was written in the constitution, turnout was similar to T-Pain the first year. The major issue was that Tory Lanez did not fulfill his contract and perform for the designated time.

f. Advocacy – President Manning

- a. Meetings Thursday at 4:30pm in the Senate office.
- b. Preventative measures because we haven't had any big campus issues this year. We are trying to have some type of game-plan to prepare for issues as they come up, making students feel as though we are approachable and can advocate on their behalf.
- c. Food Pantry was brought up, it was an initiative taken on by the D.O.S. office to secure food for students who are food-insecure on campus. I will be reaching out to the D.O.S. office for more information about donations, location, needs, etc. for the Pantry.
- d.Sen. Britton: I would love to be a part of it.

g. Culinary – Sen. Eccles

a. Topics of Discussion: More vegan options in the Spot. Vegetarian options are often actually vegan but made not vegan by adding cheese, etc. One student said that the salad bar and deli bar some of the food sits out for long periods of time and doesn't look fresh.

- b.The turkey club is officially back according to Dean Perez but it is only a grab n go item that costs more than it did last year which is disappointing.
- c. There was a discussion about the turkey club sandwich, how difficult it is to make and what solutions can be brought forward.
- **h.** Student Feedback n/a
- i. Student Finance Treasurer Delgado
 - a. Senator Britton and I met to discuss the distilling of the information we've learned thus far in our personal finance course to bring forth a college student finance forum to the campus.
- **j.** Environmental Representative Gelinas
 - a. The committee did not meet last week.
 - b. Happy Indigenous People's Day!
- XI. Five Minute Recess: Began at 8:01pm, meeting resumed at 8:06pm.

XII. First Readings

- a. Physics Club \$2,800
 - a. Representative from the club: Cassady Smith, President
 - b.Semi-annual star party in Joshua Tree
 - c. Opportunity or students to actually observe things learned in physics and astronomy classes
 - d.Bus transports 50 students
 - e. Food upon arrival at night and in the morning before departure.
 - f. Nov. 16th returning 17th
 - g.Sen. Kotoski: There is no cost to students to go?
 - 1. Representative: It is free.
 - h.Sen. Britton: You can come to my office hours as I am in charge of you as ICC chair.
 - i. Pres. Manning: For ICC, do you have funds available for clubs and organizations?
 - j. Sen. Britton: For ICC itself, yes. For clubs and orgs no.
 - k.Sen. O'Grady: Did you look elsewhere for funding at all?
 - 1. Representative: We always go to ASWC every year because the physics department doesn't have the money to fund the event entirely. It is also because the event itself is open to all students.
 - m. Dir. Olague: I want to commend you for coming in and being so prepared. I know so many students love to go to this event and always have great things to say.
 - n.Dir. Olague: Have you looked into the actual cost of busses for this year?
 - o.Cassady: Not yet, this is just based off of information from last year and the previous president.

- p.Sec. Johnson: Just out of general curiosity, what are you replacing with the \$260?
- q.Cassady: Any items that are broken, I know specifically last year many tents were broken.

XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations

a. There were no daily calendar considerations.

XIV. Miscellaneous Business

a. Constitutional Amendments (third reading)

- a. Sen. Segura motions to approve the amendments via yays and nays b.Sen. O'Grady seconds.
- c. Unanimous vote, they are approved.

b. Bylaw Amendments (second reading)

a. No points were offered.

c. Senate GPA

- a. Pres. Manning: We received a tweet from an alum about the Senate GPA vs. the Society GPA standards. Currently Senate min. GPA is 2.3 and E-Board is 2.5, whereas Society are all 2.5.
- b.Sen. O'Grady: Is there anywhere we could go to see the average GPA of a Whittier College student?
- c.Doc: The place where you would start is Fritz Smith or the Registrar's office. Whether they have the info or can give it out, that is up to them.
- d.Doc: Are we sure that the athletics department has a minimum GPA?
- e.Dir. Olague: Yes, the minimum is a 2.5 per the NCAA.
- f. Doc: Well, I have an advisee on the football team whose GPA is well below that.
- g.Advisor: So, if I am hearing you correctly Pres. Manning, you would like to better understand what the GPA requirements are across the campus to get more information
- h.Pres. Manning: Yes, I guess as ASWC we have an obligation to ensure that we are doing a service to all of our students and Senators to ensure they are going to be successful.

d. Tory Lanez Refund

- e. Sen. Kotoski for PB Directors: When is the deadline for participating in DubSync?
 - a.Dir. Hernandez: It is Oct. 22 to submit the script and names.
- f. Sen. Eccles: Is there anything else anyone would like me to include in my email to the BA manager here at Whittier.
 - a. Sen. Joachim: Can you ask if they are working on adding more allergen labels or have had any more discussions about allergens?

XV. Announcements

- a. ICC Meeting in Club 88, October 18th 4:30-5:30pm.
- **b.** Director Reeder: All of you should have access to the Senate office, using your keycard. Please go try and do so and let us know if you have any problems. I will be checking in with y'all next Monday.

XVI. Adjournment

- a. Sen. Joachim motions to adjourn the meeting.
- **b.** Sen. Tam seconds the motion with no objections.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Sam Johnson, Secretary of the ASWC