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# Meeting Minutes for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

#### I. Meeting is called to order at 7:08pm

## II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

a. Quote: "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

*-Lyndon B. Johnson* 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 its actions, the Senate will serve the students first with integrity, dedication, responsibility and humility.

#### Read by Sen. Benitez

- 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. Moya, Sen. Tam, Sen. Joachim, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Kotoski, Sen. Britton, Sen. Segura, Sen. Benitez, Sen. Eccles, Sen. O'Grady, Sen. Viteri, Sen. Sherman
  - b. Absent excused: n/a
  - c. Unexcused: n/a
  - d. Quorum set at 13.
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval
  - a. Approved by Sen. Britton
  - b. Seconded by Sen. O'Grady
- VI. The meeting was closed at 7:10pm in order to discuss the appointment of the Student Body Rep. The motion was made Sen. O'Grady and seconded by Sen. Eccles. The meeting was reopened at 7:18pm. It was then announced that Kanoa Lindiwe was appointed as Student Body Representative.
- VII. Public Voice

#### a. Craig Irby (General Manager of Bon Appétit)

- New Food service director and general manager for Bon Appetit at Whittier College
- Every meeting that Bon Appetit has, they begin with a safety meeting
- Discussed slips, trips and falls as the #1 cause of injury in a kitchen
- Do monthly and weekly trainings with their staff here at Whittier.
- Worked for Bon Appetit for a month, 25+ years of Food Service experience. Compass Group - hospital sector and national account sector as GM and other director positions.
- Fresh eyes here at Whittier within the Spot and CI, to see things that have been missed.
- Looking to better improve the customer service, and break out of the box of the CI and Spot.
- Vegan vs. Vegetarian: make more options available for our students here on campus
- More sustainability to the food service here at Whittier.
- Email is <u>cirby@whittier.edu</u>, he is open to any concerns that students might have.
- Sen. Joachim: Thank you so much for coming in, this information is really helpful as a table. I spoke to you earlier this year about allergen labeling, is there any movement on that.
  - Craig: The best option for our students are for them to contact us about their allergen so we can sit down and speak with them about it. We label things like gluten free and vegan but as for allergens we don't always touch upon that. I can't stress enough the importance of them coming in and speaking with us (the managers) about certain allergens.
- Pres. Manning: When the turkey club gets added back to the menu, will it be the same price as it was last year? Students had concerns because the new pre-made turkey club was more expensive.
  - Craig: I will commit to the same price right now in this meeting.
- Rep. Gelinas: Again, I want to thank you for coming in today. And I would like you to express our thanks to all the staff for the work they do for us.
- Sen. Britton: Do you have training in place to show the staff differences between vegan and vegetarian options for the food?
  - We do yearly training about allergens that happens at the beginning of the year. In addition, the managers have to do an online training each year and it is a sign off process. Because of the importance of allergens, in our preservice meetings we go over the various allergens that are present in the meals for the day. To a certain extent, it does have to do with a disconnect in communication between our staff and that is something we will be working on.
- Sen. Kotoski: I just want to reiterate that we are very grateful for the BA staff, and that the food has significantly improved this year.
- Sen. Britton: Do you know if there are plans to hire more staff?
  - Craig: We have about 5 ads out for staff right now, we lost about 8 staff members who did not come back this year. We are looking into working

with the union to bring more trained staff members in. We are trying to fill various positions currently.

- Rep. Gelinas: Could you provide us with your contact information so that if we need anything?
  - Craig: <u>cirby@whittier.edu</u>
- Sen. Britton: What happens to the food that isn't eaten at the end of the day?
  - Craig: The food recovery network comes in twice a week
- Sen. Kotoski: I spoke with Food Recovery Network about possibly doing food composting, I know that Pomona College has a program on their campus but it is something that could definitely work here at Whittier.
  - Craig: I am very interested in doing something like this. There would be logistical aspects that we would need to figure out but it is something that I would be open to. BA does have a composting program and I am sure it is something we can implement here.

#### b. Oscar Valladares

- Running for Rio Hondo College Board, important local election for postsecondary education
- Lowest performance of Community Colleges in the area
- Enrollment is down
- Transfer rate is low at 20%, takes 4-6 years for degree completion
- 1) enrollment, 2) diversity enrollment and 3) success rates
- Losing 3-6 million dollars a year
- OscarforRioHondo.com

## c. Taylor Beckwith, WC Tobacco Free

- Junior, second year as the WC Tobacco Free intern
- We would like to have a Senate representative on our committee that meets each semester, and other times when we table around campus
- The counselling center and health center both have cessation kits and resources for all of our students on campus
- Task force is made up of students, professors, athletes, coaches, deans, etc. from all over campus
- Sec. Johnson: What about the Kaplan students?
  - Taylor: We are aware of the issues surrounding the Kaplan students and we knew it would be difficult to carry out the policy as it relates to the Kaplan students.
- Pres. Manning: To my knowledge, there was very little student consultation regarding the implementation of the policy, is that something you will be working on?
  - Taylor: We have an email for feedback and other email. We are always looking for student reps on the task force in order to better understand how it is being received.
- Dir. Hernandez: Do you have the time/day of the Task Force meeting right now?

- Nov. 2nd from 12-1pm in the Mendenhall Boardroom
- We just ask that if someone is coming from Senate to let us know beforehand
- Sen. Eccles: I know a lot of people that I have been around
- All Cal State schools and UCs are tobacco free and have been for the last few years.
- Rep. Gelinas: If people do have a desire to quit, how do the kits work?
  - They are free, in the counselling and wellness center and are not monitored so students don't have to worry about anyone finding out.

## VIII. President's Message- President Manning

- **a.** Hope everyone has been getting sleep and taking care of themselves over these past few days. I know for a lot of us it was midterms.
- **b.** I'm really happy to have appointed Sen. Kanoa Lindiwe to the position of Student Body Representative. That is one more person we have on the table and I'm looking forward to filling the final two positions of FCC President and Residential Hall Representative on the table soon.
- c. In addition, we still do not have a Senator Chairing Student Feedback Committee. I'd like to reiterate that this committee is very vital to ASWC Senate and that it needs to be filled soon. If we cannot fill it within the next week a member of e board will have to cover it, but again, we'd prefer a senator to take this on as we each already chair committees in addition to our other Senate responsibilities.

# IX. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Delgado

- a. General Fund Balance: \$78,550.44
- **b.** Operational Account Balance: \$2,122.23
- c. Reserve Account Balance: \$17,517.35
- **d.** Allocated thus far: \$8,812.41
- e. First readings: \$0.00
- f. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0.00

# X. 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. Still in the process of planning first commuter meetup, difficult to communicate with Prof. Gonzalez, first week of Nov. is the plan
  - b.Concern brought to her SPSS, political science majors, only accessible on computers on campus, purchase a license so students can use it off campus.
  - c.Dir. Reeder: SPSS is used throughout Social Sciences here, sociology and a few other majors/departments use it. One thing about SPSS, is that it is

fairly expensive for the subscription, which is why it is not available not on campus because the license is so expensive.

- d.Dir. Olague: I have been looking for SPSS alternatives as well, personally, and I have tried other resources but they are buggy, so I think it is a conversation that needs to be had.
- d. Residential Hall Representative n/a
- e. Student Body Representative Sen. Tam
  - a. The representative has nothing to report.
- **f.** Student Body Representative Sen. Thomas
  - a. Students are happy about the chili sauce being added back to the Spot/CI.b. Turner Hall did a cookie decorating contest last year, and many students were pleased.
- g. Student Body Representative Sen. Joachim
  - a. This last week I emailed Director Estrella about where facilities are at regarding ordering the feminine hygiene care products. He has yet to respond.
- h. Student Body Representative Sen. Lindiwe
  - a.Introduction to new Senator: Kanoa, from Hawaii. Environmental Science and Figures. Loves to juggle, from the big island.
- i. Diversity Council Representative Sen. Kotoski a. The representative has nothing to report.
- j. Inter-Club Council Representative Sen. Britton
  - a. Had the second ICC meeting of the semester. Added amendments to the ICC constitution that specific the process of distributing funds to constituents from the ICC general funds account. Talked to Jenny Guerra of the Office of Equity and Inclusion about re-registering clubs after the registering deadline. She said since deadline has passed, no new clubs or old clubs can be registered for this semester but possibly for next semester.
- k. Social Justice Coalition Representative Sen. Segura
  - a. The "courageous conversations" event with "Garrett House" went well. There was a safe space established that allowed for groups to express their feelings and thoughts on topics of race, religion, sex, and oppression. The next Social Justice Coalition meeting will be held at the Dezember House on November 15th from 4:30-5:30pm.
- I. Media Council Representative Sen. Benitez
  - *a*.**Kpoet:** Sign-up sheets are on the door if anyone is interested in signing up.
  - *b*.**QC**: Elections issue this week and no issue next week.
- m. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Rep Sen. Eccles

- a.Men's Soccer lost 1-2 La Verne on Wednesday and 0-1 to CMS on Saturday. They have their last 2 regular season games this Wednesday 24th against Pomona Pitzer at 7:00pm and Saturday 27th against Caltech away.
- b.Men's Water Polo had 2 wins against Chapman 12-11 and Cal Lu 12-7 last week. They play Caltech Wednesday away, and play 2 games at home Saturday against La Verne at 11:00am and Princeton University at 7:00pm.
- c.Men's Football suffered a 42-17 defeat to Pomona Pitzer and play Claremont away this Saturday 27th.

d.Men's X-Country placed 12th at the Titan Invitational last Friday.

- n. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Rep Sen. O'Grady
  - a.Basketball players and volleyball players have expressed concern about the indoor gym floor. They would like floor to be cleaned on a more regular basis as it poses a safety hazard to them. I plan on speaking with facilities to see what can be done.
  - b.The softball players expressed concern about the safety and cleanliness of their field. They said that the steep undeveloped hill to their field is extremely dangerous and that they fall on it very often. They also expressed concern that they don't have a proper facility to use the restroom (they have a port-a-potty that gets changed very rarely). I will also talk to facilities about these matters.
  - c. Volleyball lost against the Sagehens and Chapman but won against Caltech Lutheran last week. They also ranked number 7 in division III west coast region. Their next matches are the 23rd vs La Verne and the 26th at Claremont-M-S.
  - d.Women's soccer beat La Verne with a penalty kick and tied with CMS last week. Their next games are the 24th at Pomona Pitzer and the 27th vs Caltech.
  - e. Women's cross country has a meet vs. SCIAC Championships \* @ Chino Hills, Calif. (Prado Regional Park)
- o. Inter-Society Council Male Rep Sen. Viteri
  - a.Lancer have a fundraiser Chick-Fil-A October 25 5pm- 8pm. Rush Nov. 10.
  - b.Penns have Pie a Penn November 15
  - c. Metaphonians have a fundraiser Menchies today until closing. Rush Nov.
    - 4. Chill'n Boba. Fundraiser October 29 all day, Calligraphy Event Nov. 1st 6pm

d.Thalians: Recruitment event Saturday @ 2pm. Rush November 17

p. Inter-Society Council Female Rep – Sen. Sherman

a. Athenians have rush Nov. 9

b.Ionians rush Nov. 3

c.Palmers recruitment event @ Pomona Pumpkin Patch Saturday October 27. Leaving @ 9am from CI Parking lot. Rush Nov. 10.

#### XI. Committee Reports

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

a.Senate GPA in the Constitution... or do we think that a bill should be created in Advocacy?

b.The clarity and efficiency bill has yet to be integrated into the constitution.

- 1. VP Monreal will add them.
- c.GPA Amendment:

 Article IX Section A Subsection 9 Change 2.3 to 2.5 GPA

2. Article IX Section C Subsection 1

#### Change 2.3 to 2.5 GPA & Executive Board to GPA 2.7

**b.** Budget – *Treasurer Delgado* 

a.One first hearing in the amount of \$249.69 from the Honor/Leadership Society for a poetry slam on campus.

c. Campus Relations – Director Reeder

a.Nothing to report, the committee did not meet as Friday as Fall Break.

d. Elections – Secretary Johnson

a.FCC elections meeting this Friday from 12:30-1:20 in Hoover 100 or SLC 204. The students will have a week to get their petitions signed and the election will be the week thereafter.

e. Program Board – Directors Olague and Hernandez

a. We have decided that Dubsync will be cancelled this semester due to a low turnout rate. we are in the process of figuring out other alternatives. We started to discuss the presidential inauguration, as there will be a student event on Thursday Feb 28th. If anyone wants to give ideas, please reach out to Jessica or me. This Wednesday we are having a Pumpkin Carving Event with the First Year Programs. On Thursday, we are having an excursion trip to Halloween Horror Nights. Next Tuesday we are having going to be having an event in Uptown watching Halloween. If anyone is interested in joining our subcommittees (Special Events, Music and Films, Marketing, and Annual Events) the meeting times are: Special Events: Monday at 4:30 OSE, Annual Events Thursday at 1pm, Music and

Films: Tuesday at 2pm 1st floor of the lib, Marketing Wednesday 2:00pm OSE. We meet as a whole Tuesdays at 4:30 in the OSE conference room!

f. Advocacy – President Manning

a.Nothing to report, the committee did not meet as Dean Perez and Frances were unavailable.

g. Culinary – Sen. Eccles

a.Nothing to report.

- **h.** Student Feedback n/a
- i. Student Finance Treasurer Delgado

a.Sen. Britton and I spent the majority of the time discussing the star party funding issue along with our plan to help other clubs in a similar situation this semester.

- j. Environmental Representative Gelinas
  - a. We did not meet last week so I don't have anything to report, but I do want to announce today is the start of a huge ocean cleanup project and I want to read a small excerpt from the article for you guys.
  - b."Last month, the Ocean Cleanup foundation launched the world's first ocean cleanup system out of San Francisco to take on the notorious "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," a giant floating trash pile between San Francisco and Hawaii that is twice the size of Texas. It's the largest of five ocean trash piles on Earth. The pipe is set to arrive at its destination in the ocean on Tuesday and begin the cleanup process soon after, according to a company spokesperson. The pipe, which is in the shape of a U, features a 3-meter deep net underneath it to trap floating plastic under the water's surface. A boat will return to the spot every couple of months to remove the debris -- like a garbage truck for the ocean -- and return it to shore. The goal is to recycle the plastic and create new products."
  - c.<u>https://www.cnn.com/2018/10/15/tech/ocean-cleanup-</u> project/index.html?utm\_source=twCNN&utm\_content=2018-10-16T00%3A00%3A03&utm\_medium=social&utm\_term=image

# XII. First Readings

**a.** There were no first readings.

# XIII. Daily Calendar Considerations

**a.** There were no daily calendar considerations.

## XIV. Miscellaneous Business

## a. GPA Amendment

a.Article IX

Section A, Subsection 9: Change 2.3 to 2.5 GPA

Section C, Subsection 1: Change 2.3 to 2.5 GPA, & Executive Board to GPA 2.7

b.Sen. Eccles: Is there going to be a grade appeal process in the future?

1. VP Monreal: Yes, the appeals process already exists and will remain in the future, as it pertains to the GPA requirements.

#### XV. Announcements

- **a.** There were no announcements
- XVI. Adjournment
  - **a.** Sen. Eccles motions to adjourn the meeting.
  - **b.** Sen. Moya seconds the motion with no objections.
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM

Respectfully Submitted by Sam Johnson, Secretary of the ASWC