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## Meeting Minutes for 10/13/2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:06pm**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
  - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE “Magic is believing in yourself. If you can make that happen, you can make anything happen.” -Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe  
Read By: Sen. Lopez
- 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. Yamawaki
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
  - A. **Present:** President Eccles, Vice President Brost, Secretary Beasley, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Senator Falcon-Juengert, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Magana, Senator Lopez, Senator J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Garrison, Senator Angileri, Senator Golden,
  - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Schoech, Senator Coco, Senator Saldana, Director Robinson
  - C. **Unexcused:** N/A
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Garrison
  - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Lopez
- VI. **Public Voice**
  - A. Vice President Brost: FCC Candidates introduce themselves and their positions, Nathasha Waldorf, Samantha Moldanado, Shelby Lopez, and Cesar Bautista.
    1. VP Brost reminds everyone only first years can vote and to remember to continue encouraging any first years you know to vote today.
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Eccles***
  - A. Good evening everyone!

- B. Firstly, I'd like to thank all of you that attended the Town Hall last Thursday. I was watching and listening and trying to take some notes that I can take to my meetings with Bruce and President Oubre. If you would like to meet with me about anything or send me questions and concerns you would like me to bring up in the meetings please let me know.
- C. As we continue to draw closer to election day on November 3rd, please continue to be diligent in your political engagement. If you are eligible please register to vote, encourage others to register to vote and do whatever it takes to get your vote in. I would also like to remind all of our students to be respectful and understanding that not all of us share the same views and opinions when it comes to politics. Please do your best to support one another unbiasedly, and put yourselves in the shoes of others first before judging anyone. That goes for anything, not just politics.
- D. Lastly, many of our clubs and orgs are taking time to go through and look at the systems in which control the running of their groups. Whether this is their constitutions, goals and beliefs or just the culture that they spread. It is important that we all do the same. We have not solved systemic racism, toxic masculinity, rape culture or any of the other toxic social traits that may be plaguing our community, but we never will unless we all stand up together and create that change. So please continue to work hard and work with others.
- E. If not us, who?

#### VIII. **Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada***

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$59,396.08
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$23,851.92
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$56,339.66
- E. First Readings:** \$0.00
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00
- G. Senator Garrison:** Are these funds in our accounts currently
  - 1. Treasurer Estrada: The Journal entries haven't been submitted yet but they should populate the account by the end of this week or at the beginning of this upcoming week.

#### IX. **Constituent Reports**

- A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. D. Torres***
  - 1. Will be attending CAAS meetings to provide them with the feedback that I have gathered from students in regards to the module system.
  - 2. Will be contacting Tori for help with some flyers to promote the Academic Affairs Council
- B. First-Year Class Council: *Sen.***
  - 1. N/A
- C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez***
  - 1. This past week I had a constituent ask me about work study and how she is not getting her proper hours due to everything, she also stated that she

didn't know how she would accumulate her hours. I advised her to get a second work study job but she is disappointed with that advice because she has another job outside of school.

2. Grace has not responded to my message about the commuter council.

**D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana***

1. My goals for this week is to go further in Secretary Beasley's last year project and focus on that. I also plan to let the RA's know about future events and clubs on campus such as Program Board, OSE, Sustainability club, etc. In addition, I was planning to send an email to Bruce regarding the wifi issues as well.

**E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. J. Torres***

- 1.

**F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong***

1. Student Engagement
  - a) Talking with a constituent about a possible bill/policy to present to the senate table (if possible)
2. Talked to students at the Town Hall about the module system
  - a) Ways to create a solution or possible suggestions we can make to solve this issue
  - b) Professor Check-in
3. Could we hold a possible civic engagement meeting?
  - a) Even though there is a Whittier Votes Campaign going on, would it be helpful if the Senate collaborated with them to talk about civic engagement and provide resources for students? As student leaders, that may be something to think about.

**G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn***

1. The Town Hall last week went well. Senator Armstrong compiled the notes from other Senators who facilitated the meeting into one document we can access with details on what happened during the meeting.
2. I met with Deanna, Christine, Senator Golden, and Senator Armstrong for a meeting last week and we discussed how to better prepare reps [such as myself] to be efficient Senators. I'm looking forward to seeing the next steps for that meeting come into action as we continue into the next module.
3. I had an impromptu meeting with Gautham yesterday to discuss his ideas for his club and other thoughts he had; I ended up brainstorming a programming event with VP Brost and Senator J. Torres that I'm looking into contacting Director Robinson about collaborating on.

**H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Falcon-Juengert***

1. Constituent Report

- a) This week I focused on promoting the student feedback town hall. I sent it to some people I know and also a professor of an INTD course.
  - b) I attended the town hall and listened to the students who showed up
  - c) In response to the way in which constituents talk about the module system, I'm sending Senator D. Torres suggestions for Sal
2. Notes from town hall
    - a) *Professors doing synchronous and asynchronous = best method?*
    - b) *Fitting a semester into the 7 week module system*
    - c) *Condensing the time frame made it more challenging than last semester (spring 2020)*
    - d) *Why did we stay on the module system when we went online?*
    - e) *Professors only posting lectures*
    - f) *Difficult to reach out to profs and responses from them feel limited*
    - g) *It really depends on your professor*
  3. Possible Solutions
    - a) Professors asking students: how can I modify this?
    - b) How are professors being helped?
    - c) Highlighting what professors have done and what has worked (serve as a model for the department)

#### **I. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen. Iseri***

1. The ICC had its first meeting October 7th from 4:30-5:30pm.
  - a. We talked about the student engagement expo, and collected feedback from present clubs on that.
  - b. We will be spending this year working on ways to help clubs with student engagement, like how to connect students to different clubs, and coming up with creative ways to host club events and meetings.

#### **J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki***

1. DC will be having their first meeting on Thursday, October 15 from 4:30 - 5:30
2. Meetings
  - a) WLA: Mondays 4:30 (PST) every week
  - b) ASA: Fridays 2:30 (PST) every week
  - c) TOBGLAD: Wednesdays 5:00 (PST) every week
  - d) Cru: Thursdays 5:00 (PST)
    - (1) Women's bible study: Monday's 5:00 (PST)
    - (2) Co-ed bible study: Tuesday's 12:30 (PST)
3. Poet Pride Drag Show Friday, October 30 6PM (PST)
  - a) Sign ups open until October 14

- b) Will have a week of events leading up to the show

**K. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *Sen. Perez***

- 1.

**L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison***

- 1. WCSN

- a) editing old footage from football and volleyball games for highlight content on Youtube

- 2. POET ENT:

- a) working on updating social media and is becoming more active on their platforms.
- b) helping other organizations set up virtual events

- 3. VPS:

- a) had their bi-monthly meeting
- b) talked about a stay-at-home action story film. This is part of a social media challenge that will help spread the word about vps.

- 4. KPOET:

- a) All employees have been on-boarded, and are training.
- b) OPEN MIC NIGHT on Youtube IS OCT. 30th. We will be taking 10 participants for the video!
- c) The kpoet remote broadcast will be up by following week!
- d) making playlists for org zoom events!

- 5. QC:

- a) Running articles on zoom meetings in place of on campus events
- b) Redoing website

**M. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Coco***

- 1. We had a meeting about the structure and purpose of PSALA this past week.
- 2. The primary takeaways were to have more influence and unity within, not only the athletic department but the campus as a whole.
  - a) One method we are exploring is creating a sweepstakes event of sorts for the student body, as well as many other online projects that we can have.
  - b) We are in phase 1 right now but hope to move forward soon with these ideas.

**N. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Female Representative: *Sen. Angileri***

- 1. PSALA had a board meeting where we discussed our rebranding within the club. We discussed ideas to do for the athletic department and the general public as well.

**O. Inter-Society Council Female & Male Representative: *Sen. Schoech and Sen. Saldana***

1. We met with Deanna on how NME and Recruiting may be looking this year and will be discussing and getting feedback from our reps in our next ISC meeting and also checked in and talked about how we will be working with her goals and expectation wise.
2. We are setting up an ISC discord for our means of communication
3. Rep Saldana met with a group of students who want to meet with student reps to talk about a professor's eurocentric teaching

**X. Committee Reports**

**A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost***

1. The Administrative Committee did meet this week. We discussed how our meeting went with the library last week on Friday. We will be archiving through them through the Poets Commons. It's a really cool database. It has many articles that students and our professors have done at our school and how many times they have been downloaded.
2. Now, the admin committee is gathering all of our documents to get ready to add to the database.

**B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada***

1. Budget committee did not meet last week due to there not being any budget requests.
2. We have a pending budget request of \$700 from M.E.Ch.A
  - a) I just wanted to remind everyone that the Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday's at 12:30 pm - 1:30pm on zoom. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through slack and text

**C. Campus Relations- *Director Royster***

1. Good Evening Everyone, Firstly I hope you all are having a really good week. I know we are all coming to the end of all of our classes, and such and I understand how busy we are all getting. All I ask is that you can please reach out to your pod leaders or anyone on eboard for that matter. We are all here to support you and we truly want to see you all succeed. With that I can move onto updates. So I made two flyers for FCC Elections one for the debates that occurred yesterday and the elections that are occurring today. I have also been working on an email that will be sent to Lafayette, Bruce and Sal about how the Senate is working this year and the support that we need from them as administration. Other than that, a message went out to the Committee on Sunday about ideas they have for

any material we could post about voting and voter education. Other than that that is all I have, also im very excited to see you all here.

#### **D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley***

##### 1. FCC Elections

- a) This past week Elections committee met up to finalize the questions for the FCC Presidential debates
  - (1) We finalized ten questions which were used in last night's zoom debates
- b) Today is FCC Elections, if you know a first year please encourage them to vote on Engage, Elections are open from 8am to 8pm PST
- c) All of our FCC Candidates should be with us tonight in the meeting so wave hello to them! We might be seeing more of them very soon!
- d) Elections results will be announced tomorrow on the ASWC Instagram Page

##### 2. Civic Engagement

- a) Beyond just FCC Elections the elections committee will continue to work on civic engagement projects throughout the remainder of the term both up to the November 3rd Elections and beyond.
- b) While we will work closely with the Whittier Votes Coalition the committee itself will be working on projects that promote and educate our student body on civic engagement as a whole
- c) Project ideas
  - (1) One major concern that was brought up is that many individuals have questions about how to get involved or what civic engagement looks like but they don't have any beginner resources.
    - (a) Our committee proposed that we start creating a set of easy how to's and Q&A's that break down some of the bigger questions about what civic engagement means
      - (i) These might be videos either on IGTV, Youtube, Twitter Threads, or Instagram Highlights
      - (ii) We have started a list of possible avenues and topics to cover on this set of how to's that we will discuss after the FCC Elections Debrief at this week's meeting on Thursday

- (iii) We would love to have other senators contribute to those ideas and once we have a more clear line of action we will share it with the senators to receive feedback and advice
- (a) If you have any suggestions on the format that these how to's and civic engagement 101's are promoted please let me know
  - (b) The Poli Sci department has had an interdepartmental panel discussion for students about the elections and we would like to have one that is not limited to just one department on campus
    - (i) A major question to ask of the table is how do we take the work that others are already doing to help promote civic engagement and voting and elections and make sure it is utilized to its fullest potential
    - (ii) The Whittier Votes Coalition has an exorbitant amount of resources at its fingertips thanks to the tireless efforts of Christine Hernandez and her past work in elections
      - (a) All of those resources are available to students to use. If you would like to be added to the Slack channel please let me know and we can add you and get you connected to the google drive.
- d) It was brought up in a constituent report this week that we propose to have a civic engagement meeting by Senator Armstrong.
- (1) While all of the elections committee meetings going forward will be centered around or touch on the civic engagement work that they are doing I think it would be great to have a scheduled meeting for senators to solely discuss how they would like to promote civic engagement and what the responsibilities look like for us as student leaders as Senator Armstrong suggested.

- (a) I would like feedback from the senate table on if they would like to have this discussion as a topic that is placed in the agenda for regular discussion or scheduled on its own
- (b) Senator Armstrong: I think it should be its own meeting, I think we could have a meeting where we talk about what we need to answer and how to answer it
- (c) President Eccles: I agree with Senator Armstrong. It isn't just about elections this year it is about setting it up for people to participate in elections for the rest of their life. Giving information that can take them far.
- (d) VP Brost: That would be a very informative meeting and it could help clear up information
- (e) Secretary Beasley: If it is on its own I will create a Doodle Poll or a When Is good to see when everyone is free. Please respond in the Slack to that question by this friday when it goes into the slack so we can schedule that meeting for next week or the week after since elections aren't getting any further away and civic engagement is needed always.  
Thank you Senator Armstrong for bringing up this timely issue

**E. Program Board – *Director Robinson***

- 1. Program Board's October Care Package RSVP sign-ups on Engage are open on Tuesday at 12:30 pm PST.
  - a) This month, we'll be including a Halloween movie of the students choice in their care package.
- 2. The Program Board will be having a weekly event called "Make it Wednesday" where a PB member will post on our IG story them cooking a new recipe for students to do with us.
  - a) This week we'll be baking pumpkin spice cookies.

**F. Advocacy- *President Eccles***

- 1. Club 88 refurbishment and including mural:
  - a) Next steps
  - b) Draft a survey
  - c) Google doc link:

2. Splitting 50/50 with President for 2021 cultural grads:
  - a) To continue meeting and work at the end of fall. Next steps are to get the OEI in charge of Cultural grads and work with them on funding.
  - b) Meeting with Lafayette
3. New Title IX Regulations:
  - a) When Lafayette is ready with the updates regulation we will organise a meeting with him and other Title IX training the table may need.
4. BlackAtWhittier:
  - a) Holding the institution accountable through Linda regarding their action plan.
5. Societies:
  - a) Jesse will look to meet with ISC and spark more group discussion on how to increase trust and friendship between societies, and also reimagine how societies interact on a student body level like they did in the past (PENNtronic, Mona Kai, Dunsync, etc.)

#### **G. Culinary-**

1. N/A

#### **H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Armstrong and Sen. Benn***

1. Events:
  - a. Town Hall
    - i. Event was successful! At one point, we had a max of 14 students in the meeting!
    - ii. We gathered some notes of students' concerns about the Module System
      1. Talked about possible solutions
        - a. What about the professors? Do they have everything they need to de-stress? Would it be helpful if the staff & faculty held a meeting where they can ask each other questions?
        - b. Do they need a self care check in?
  - b. We want to plan another event soon
    - i. Possibly talking about study tips, module 2 goal setting, etc.
    - ii. Use an money incentive to gather a larger audience
2. Ideas:

- a. Attempt to hold a Zoom meeting every month with other senators (depending on the student engagement)
  - b. Create an incentive for students to come to meetings and engage with their Representatives and Senate overall
  - c. Idea: Maybe we can get student artists to create something to giveaway as a prize to help promote their work...?
3. Senator Magana: How can we sign up or who do we contact to go to the meeting
    - a. Senator Armstrong: I can add you to the slack, to make sure that you get messages and updates
  4. Director Royster: I think the Instagram Live would be a really great way to reach a different audience and have a different kind of engagement because nobody wants to attend another zoom meeting
  5. Member of the Public: Instagram Live was a pretty cool idea, I have done it before and it lets you communicate with the public easier and it isn't as professional and creates a better sense of community.

**I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada***

1. I'm still structuring this committee to its entirety and as soon as I get it up and running I will let you all know.
  - a. I will be meeting with a group of 8-9 treasures weekly until I reach all the clubs to help them with anything they need or guide them in the right direction.

**J. Environmental- *Sen. Golden***

1. Hi everyone, I hope classes are going well with only a few weeks left in this first module!
2. In our last meeting we were able to talk to Scout from Sustainability Club and want to figure out a collaboration between our groups.
3. Monday was Indigenous People's Day and we posted a breakdown of some of the environmental issues Indigenous peoples face, but it's not extensive so I encourage you all to educate and learn more about how you can support and advocate for indigenous folks.
4. We are also going to create a link tree and start to compile a list of resources for social justice, environmentalism, and sustainability related topics as well as figure out a way to create a forum for students to tell us what topics they would like to learn more about.
5. Also quick shout out to the student body representatives for putting together the town halls! Keep up the great work. Thanks, and have a great day!

**XI. First Readings**

A.

**XII. Daily Calendar Considerations**

A.

**XIII. Misc. Business**

**A.**

**XIV. Announcements**

- A. Senator Armstrong: To add onto Senator Golden's sentiment about indigenious people's day to acknowledge the land you are on. You are most likely not living on land that is yours so recognizing who's land you are on is so imperative
- B. Christine Hernandez: Over the weekend there were some unauthorized ballots lost, due to dropbox. If you have not received your ballot yet in california then you need to check your information! You have up until October 19th to register to vote!
  - 1. You can track your ballot in california! So go vote and turn out and do what you can to be involved
- C. Senator Garrison: Some announcements!
  - 1. Open mic night is going to happen on October 30th on Youtube Live. we will be taking 10 participants and giving them gift cards and then giving gift cards out to the 30 first attendees to the Youtube Live as well
  - 2. Also check out the QC they have started a new website and rebranded
- D. Deanna: Educate yourself training series on October 15th 5-6 PST and November 19th from 12:30-1:30 PST
  - 1. The Let's Talk Consultation Hours are available to everyone
  - 2. Recommendations for bias counsels and bias talks are available please contact deanna if your want a group to have a Bias Presentation Workshop
- E. Member of the Public: I wanted to talk about two things we have lots of resources but Instagram Live is good and what is the Bias Presentation Workshop?
  - 1. Deanna: The Bias Presentation Workshop is a way to talk about what biases are present and talk about the ways we can overcome them and address them
- F. Director Royster: The counseling center presents Mental Health Mondays (next monday) from 4pm to 5pm PST
- G. Vice President Brost: We are going to participate in two truths and a lie for the senators to do an icebreaker to get to know each other better
- H. Secretary Beasley: Constituent Reports are due at 5pm PST on Fridays but if you are having a stressful week just email me and let me know or text me so that you can get your minutes in when you are able to! I know it is stressful right now with midterms and finals but we are here to support you in whatever way you need.  
Thank you.

**XV. Adjournment**

- A. Motioned By:** Sen. J Torres  
**Second By:** Sen. Benn



**B. Time: 6:13pm PST**

**Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley, Secretary of the ASWC**