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Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2019

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 7:01 pm**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**
Read By: Sen. Angileri
- 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. Iseri
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. **Present:** Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, Sen. Lindiwe, Sen. Modesti, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Segura, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Hidalgo, Sen. Alvarez
 - B. **Absent excused:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Dir. Tejada
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Royster
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Garrison
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. N/A
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Moya***
 - A. Good evening everyone! I hope everyone had a restful break. I just wanted to take this time to acknowledge the fact that this is our last Senate meeting of the Fall Semester. I could not be more proud of what this remarkable table has accomplished these past three months. We have accomplished so many things, passed impactful bills, and have many more in the works. Please take time to reward yourselves for such a great semester. Good luck with final exams and



assignments. Although many of us will continue working over the winter break and JanTerm, take some time to catch a breath and relax, you all deserve it!

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$9,217.05
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$1,458.70
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$60,586.00
- E. First Readings:** \$0.00
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami*

- 1. Join academic affairs council

B. First-Year Class Council: *Sen. Iseri*

- 1. Last week a student came to me with concerns about wanting to see more school spirit around campus. This week I'm meeting with that student. They think that it would help build unity within the students and hopefully improve the retention rate at whittier. FCC is also working with OSE to help create an engaging event for the student body next week to further progress the idea of school unity.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin*

- 1. Hello everyone! I hope your break was restful! One of the things that happened is that we got commuter vouchers for Thanksgiving Lunch on 11/21 and I hope to make this an annual promotion for commuters. I was recommended with the admin/advocacy committee working with a company that works transportation, so setting up bicycle transportation, carpool setup, and others and helping people with the most convenient set up for locations.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Ross*

- 1. The meeting with Joe Harper has been scheduled for this week
- 2. My walkthrough of upper campus issues with the Head RA of upper campus, Catherine Glass, will happen this week as well
- 3. I am continuing to work on my overall issues document for the halls.
- 4. I spent most of last week sick so I hadn't been able to do much in terms of meeting with constituents
- 5. I will have office hours this week at the Library from 2-4pm on Tuesday and Thursday 1-3pm. I am working on my second semester scheduling to have my official office hours for next semester set up.



E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. Mendoza*

1. Working on:
 - a. Currently working with the transfer club president to send out applications for open positions on their executive board.
2. Office hours:
 - a. Tuesday 4-6 @ the spot
 - b. Friday 1-3

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres*

1. Currently in the works:
 - a. The idea for the daycare is still being pieced together and am planning to bring it up during student feedback committee this week to maybe have an actual plan to go forward.
2. Additionally notes:
 - a. Thank you all for this awesome experience and I am really excited for next semester and let's all finish strong this semester!

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Malone*

1. Thanks to the help of Vice President Bruce Smith, the outdoor basketball court will be fixed on December 10th!

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Lindiwe*

1. School is winding down so I want to wish you all the best on your finals! Also campus safety hasn't responded to my email about letting students into the SLC over the weekends so I will be following up with them.

I. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Modesti*

1. Nothing to report.

J. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen. Royster*

1. ICC has there last meeting of the semester on December 4th @ 5:00.
2. At our last meeting, we will be training on all things engage, ems and anything else clubs may have questions about.
3. Tomorrow we have an event on our Campus called Decemberfest where individuals from our campus will be able to answer questions from counselors all around the US.

K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia*

1. Last DC meeting of the semester tomorrow at 4:30 in the OEI! It'll be a chill check in with reps & we will be discussing how the semester went, any places of growth & we'll be starting a conversation on Diverse Identities Week!
2. We are looking forward to what we can accomplish next semester!



L. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *Sen. Segura*

1. Nothing to report.
2. Good luck on finals!

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. VPS: We'll be finishing up our short film, having our last movie night on thursday, and closing equipment rentals soon.
2. KPOET Radio: had the last Open Mic Night of the school year. We are starting to plan for the next term and spring term. We are wrapping up the school year and having our last day of broadcasting on December 6th to allow study workers to get ready for their finals.
3. QC: released their last issue to conclude the year

N. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Eccles*

1. Men's Basketball lost to Dallas 71-85 and beat Me.-Presque Isle 102- 80.
 - a) They play again this Wednesday against La Verne at 5:00pm.
2. Men's Water Polo have their Semifinal of the National Div 3 Championship on Saturday against MIT at 4:30pm.

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

1. Women's basketball lost to Whitman on the 25th and beat Willamette on the 29th. They begin conference this week, Dec 4th against Cal Lu (home) and the 7th against Redlands (away).
2. Women's swim and dive will be at the Winter Invite this weekend Dec 6-8.

P. Inter-Society Council Female & Male Representative: *Sen. Hidalgo & Sen. Alvarez*

1. Jan Term Proposal did not pass
2. Community Service Hours Due 12/13 by 5:00pm
3. Bid Submissions Close tomorrow at 11:45pm
4. ISC E-Board Retreat being held in Jan Term

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim*

1. Did not meet last week.
2. The week before, they talked about the mental health bill.
3. Will be meeting this week.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Last week Budget committee did not meet last week due to no Budget Request.



2. Budget committee will meet tomorrow at 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Ose Conference room. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through the app Slack.
3. Pending Requests:
 - a) Drama Club is requesting \$1650.00, Franklin society for \$150.00, and Lancer Society for \$150.00.
4. Updates:
 - a) I'm going to be checking in with Manny tomorrow from accounts payable to see if the council budget transfers for finalized.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada*

1. *Mental Health Action Proclamation:*
 - a. The proclamation reads: “WHEREAS, According to HealthLine, a study showed a 6 percent increase from 2014 to 2016 in mental health issues, from 33 percent to 39 percent among college students,
WHEREAS, According to Whittier College’s official website, “Whittier College continues to rank among the most diverse liberal arts colleges according to the 2017 U.S. News and World Report” but it lacks in a variety of counseling services that support students of different demographics,
WHEREAS, The Counseling Center currently offers the following mental health services
Individual Therapy: Sessions will average 45-50 minutes, 8 sessions a semester is available to students
Couples Therapy: Sessions will average 45-50 minutes
Psychiatric Services: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner can be available to do medical evaluations, consultations, and medication management
Grief Counseling: Appointment or Walk-In during normal Business Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Referrals: For psychiatric evaluations, long-term therapy, and medication monitoring
Mental Health Workshops: Held on campus at least once a semester
Let’s Talk: 15-20 minute consultation held outside of the Counseling Center Building:
Career Center;



Mondays 1:00-3:00 pm

Turner Hall - Room 247;

Mondays 1:30-3:00 pm

Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 pm

Fridays 8:30 am-12:00 pm

WHEREAS, students continue to express concerns regarding the Mental Health resources on campus,

WHEREAS, other colleges similar to that of Whittier College, such as Occidental College and Claremont Colleges provide a variety of counseling services such as group counseling and continuous support groups in addition to similar services as those mentioned above,

WHEREAS, the ASWC Senate Mission Statement states “In all of its actions, the Senate will serve the students first with integrity, dedication, responsibility, and humility,”

THEREFORE, I, Destinee Moya, President of the ASWC Senate, hereby proclaim the 2019-2020 ASWC Senate’s dedication and commitment to being actively involved in the betterment of Mental Health resources and programming for the Whittier College community and will further act upon this in the Spring 2020 semester.”

- b. Pres. Moya presents the proclamation to the table.
- c. The authors; Sen. Royster, Dir. Gil, Sen. Garrison, and Sen. Modesti join Pres. Moya to read the proclamation to the table.
- d. The authors and Pres. Moya sign the proclamation.
- e. The proclamation will be scanned in and emailed to President Linda.

D. Elections- *Secretary Brost*

1. Elections committee did not meet last week.
2. Elections committee will be meeting this week to finalize the election code.
 - a) Want to present it at the first meeting of the Spring Semester.
3. Elections committee meets every Thursday at 3:30 in the Senate office.

E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

1. Happy Monday everyone! Our next event of the semester will be Skates n' Cocoa. It is a free off campus excursion to LA Live, we will have a funky holiday sweater contest, and the winner will get one of our limited edition



water bottles. Please sign up on Engage to RSVP and secure your spot.

<https://whittier.campuslabs.com/Engage/event/5190427>

2. Finals pick me up will be on: Monday December 9th from 11- 1 pm and one on Tuesday December 10th from 7 - 8:30 pm. Rather than doing the boxes that were distributed during finals last year, which consisted of items that not all students could utilize and therefore created waste, students will get to choose from different items.
3. Our last Program Board meeting of the semester will be tomorrow Tuesday December 3rd at 4:30 pm
4. Next semester our meetings will be moved to Thursday at 4:30 pm.
5. Please follow our instagram: @programboard_wc for event updates and to leave feedback on our events!

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

1. Did not meet last week.
2. We will be meeting this week and Senator Eccles will be chairing the meeting.

G. Culinary- *Sen. Malone & Sen. Torres*

1. Gluten Free menu, Senator malone and I talked to a couple other students and came up with a couple of affordable menu options for the students which where based on student response. So far the top two choices are gluten free spaghetti (\$15) and gluten free mac and cheese (\$13). Both are great options and I have a third option now, a chicken pot pie (\$9).
2. Still working on the QR code.

H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Modesti & Lindiwe*

1. Nothing to report.

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. N/A

J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons*

1. Working on implementing the recycling program in dorms.
 - a) Talking with facilities along with Joe Melendez
2. Working on giveaways for students
 - a) You can be entered into these by doing such things
 - (1) Carpool some days
 - (2) Some people help gather recycling
 - (3) Beach cleanups
 - (4) Hiking trail clean ups



- (5) Check people odometers and if they don't use their car for a week or something they get entered to win a prize
 - (6) If you only drive 30 or less miles or something
 - (7) Walk, bike, or bus to school one day - get entered (some odd number of days)
3. Action bill is in the works and has a good breakdown of what shall be on the finished project.
 - a) We want to have everything drafted together and going for the first reading as soon as senate starts back up in spring.
4. Still working with Bon Appetit and Craig Irby
 - a) Composting
 - b) Reusables
 - c) Plate waste educational program set to be at the beginning of spring semester to have it fresh in students' minds.
5. Created a criteria for Sarah Angevines class and their environmental projects
 - a) Reward for whoever takes their project the furthest and makes the most positive environmental change.
6. Bike share Program
 - a) A business professor likes the idea so much he is dedicating a class on Tuesday to help draft some more hard hitting details and evidence.
 - b) Have almost finished my needed research and shall be trying to meet with the people needed again soon.
7. The family member of a California Senator reached out to me and is interested in helping get her uncle to sponsor the project because she knows the senator puts sustainability first.
 - a) Bob Archuleta - State Senator - Torii from BSADs uncle
 - b) Would possibly be willing to help with docking stations around the city of Whittier as well as sponsorship
8. We are now helping with the helping cans initiative so we shall be picking up the cans at the grey bins you might have seen.
9. Going to start working on a list of sustainable companies that can be viewed for all members of Whittier college.
 - a) Shall help all organizations looking for sustainable companies.
10. OFFICE HOURS
 - a) 3pm-5pm Tuesdays at the spot
 - b) 10am-12pm Wednesdays at the spot



11. Environmental Committee Meetings

a) Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Senate Office

12. My Email is dcasserl@poets.whittier.edu for any questions.

XI. First Readings

A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. N/A

XIV. Announcements

A. Sen. Eccles: Would like some Senators to sign a petition to change the plastic use from the spot to bamboo or biodegradable dishware.

XV. Adjournment

A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Modesti

Second By: Sen. Alvarez

B. **Time:** 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC