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Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at:** 7:04 pm
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**
Read By: Sen. Royster
- 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. Hagan-Martin
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. **Present:** Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, Sen. Modesti, Sen. Green, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Dir. Tejada, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Segura, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Hidalgo, Sen. Alvarez
 - B. **Absent excused:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Angileri
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Royster
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Torres
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. N/A
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Moya***
 - A. Good evening everyone, I appreciate you all being here. Last week we had quite an eventful week and I just want to once again thank all the senators for being so diligent in gathering feedback from their constituents and all the students that came in to share their thoughts. This week, myself and a couple other senators met with Sean, alongside Deanna, to touch base regarding the deficit. I will provide an update when we get to that point in the agenda.



VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$??
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$??
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$35,608.48
- E. First Readings:** \$9,956.62
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami*

- 1. This past week I reached out to as many constituents as possible to hear how they felt about Whittfest. I also am in communications with IT services to work together to get accessible software for students that's required for class. I went to a meeting with D & Destinee this past Friday with Shaun the Controller to better understand our budget. This week I plan on going to the academic senate to hear how my position can get involved.

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

- 1. N/A

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin*

- 1. N/A

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Ross*

- 1. I had a meeting last week with facilities and the residential hall department (Sarah Dudley and Joe Harper) that addresses goals one and two of the five goals that the red hall rep has for this semester. After better discussion it became clear that we are taking steps in the right direction. There are currently 8 men working full time for facilities, 8 1/2 if you count the part time worker who is here 3 days a week. There were currently 202 open facilities requests at the time of our meeting. We discussed the new implementation plan of two separate accounts for pulling the requests from, and a student worker through Tina's office to help with the sorting of the facilities requests. Joe is talking to Lafayette about the other three goals that were mentioned and we are working to figure out an implementation plan with the RA's for next year.
- 2. Sen. Garcia: What department does Tina work in and what is her position?
Sen. Ross: She works in res life and is above Joe and Allison.
Sen. Segura: I am concerned about the benefits the facility people get and if a student works for them.
Sen Ross: Our biggest concern is whether or not a student could work for



someone since they are third party.

Pres. Moya: They could do a poet internship. This could start next year.

Sen. Eccles: Do an update on the requests. Maybe change it from 1 to 5 to what kind of category it is.

Sen. Ross: The issue is, it is a system through their company.

VP Joachim: There do have categories.

Sen. Ross: They told me pretty directly that they wouldn't be able to change the forms. People don't follow what they are really supposed to file for. The first goal is that they are thinking about making it where students could see if their faculties request has been open or closed, next year. The next goal is updating the way housing looks online. Finally, we are trying to look into how much life has left in a building.

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

1. Don't forget about to RSVP for the events that the veterans are putting on this month, they would like large student support
 - a. Mess night March 28th Check-in @4pm Dinner @5pm
2. Working with the Career Center on selecting dates for focus groups that will help the college better understand and provide resources for transfer students
 - a. If you know any transfer students please ask them to reach out to me for the dates and times of the focus groups

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres*

1. Currently in the works:
 - a. With Senator Malone and Representative Alveraz, we've scheduled a meeting with Craig Irby to fully explain the concerns with the dietary restrictions for the Muslim students and how we can appeal to their needs, in conjunction with the plan to bring the gluten free menu to life. However we are currently waiting for Craig to schedule a time so we can bring this concern to light.
2. Other reports
 - a. From observing my constituents, I've noticed a small division between the student body. With that I mean that a good amount of students are having mixed feelings about the debacle from last week. My personal observations have shown that students want to have this event but seem increasingly divided about the subject matter.



3. Announcements:

- a. Student feedback was today from 12-1:30 in the campus courtyard with free pizza. Hope to you all there!

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Malone*

1. Last week I spoke with my constituents about the water filters in each residence hall. I will be checking these, and if they are not all on the green light then I will move forward to get these filters replaced with new ones.

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Modesti*

1. N/A

I. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Green*

1. N/A

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

1. N/A

K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia*

1. We have been finalizing details for DI Week, and will be presenting on Monday requesting funds for DI Week.
2. I met with Shawn, the controller for BoT and he will be presenting a "one time settlement" proposal to the cabinet on wednesday. We expect little resistance to the payment from admin.
3. I met with Journee this past week about the Black listening session that admin had with students to learn how DC can be better allies and support the Black community on campus. One thing I learned was that this session wasn't the first and has been a part of a series of extensive meetings that the Black students have been having w/ admin. The same group of students have been asked to give their free emotional & mental labor to these meetings without any support whatsoever. I would like to propose that senate gives stipends to these students that have been in & out of meetings and have been doing a lot of heavy emotional work on behalf of the entire Black community on campus.
4. Sen. Modesti: Do you know how much you are going to give them?
Sen. Garcia: I haven't really thought too much into it but I am talking to them.
Sen. Eccles: I am so for this but I think we should figure out where the money is going to come from.
Sen. Hagan-Martin: Are we going to give a stipend to other communities?
Sen. Garcia: No, they have talked about this on multiple occasions so we are really putting this forth for this community.



Pres. Moya: This conversation has reoccured multiple times. This institution uses them to promote the school. They don't feel this sense of black community when they get here. So because this is so time consuming and they don't have a lot of resources, they started talking about stipends.

Sen. Modesti: Can you talk more about the listening meetings?

Sen. Garcia: They have been closed meetings with black students and admn. They will write up concerns about what they go through on campus.

Pres. Moya reads a statement from Journee about the concerns black students face on this campus.

Sen. Eccles: Is Frances going to be running orientation again?

Pres. Moya: No, this is going to be put back under the OSE, under Christine.

Deanna: Us as admin are trying to work hard to listen to student's voices. So we are trying to work in collaborating with student's voices.

VP Joachim: I think this could come out as a campus betterment project that could possibly come out of the reserve.

5. Deficit Update

a) Pres Moya: Sean will be presenting a one time settlement proposal to the executive cabinet on Wednesday, we are hopeful that the cabinet will be receptive to the proposal. Moving forward the OSE will receive monthly account statements for all the club and organization accounts. OSE student staff will then update engage portals so that student leaders can consistently monitor their budgets.

Student staff will also be able to update pending transactions on the portal as they receive reimbursement and check requests. Sean will also be working on giving myself, kole, and jose access to real time updates for all the accounts.

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

1. N/A

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. Qc: printed last issued and we have a new news assistant. Publishing a women's month themed issue.

2. KPOET: continuing to get music and collaborating with ASA for Open mic Night



3. WSCN:
 - a) Thursday- baseball and playoff for Women's basketball
 - b) Friday- softball game
 - c) Saturday- double header game for baseball and women's lacrosse
4. This week:
 - a) Tues- men's lacrosse
 - b) Weds- women's lacrosse
 - c) Frid- softball
 - d) Saturday- double header baseball and double header for softball
5. PE: convo, track karaoke, Spanish film, wellness event, accounting presentation, destress video game event, PEnt. art walk, love whittier event.
6. VPS: trained on cinematography, working on movie for screenplay winner, blocking training next, Spanish film festival and will be filming Love Whittier event.

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

1. N/A

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

1. Women's Basketball was knocked out of the SCIAC tournament by CMS last Thursday. Teani White and Cali Cubel received 1st Team All-SCIAC recognition.
2. Women's Swim and Dive finished up their season.
3. Women's Softball lost their series to CMS 2 games to 1 game.

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

1. N/A

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim*

1. Administrative Committee met last week to plan the next two events for the Mental Health Initiative. Not all students practice self-care the same way; we discussed a potential collaboration with the Sustainability Club to let students work in the SURF garden. I will be reaching out to Representative Casserly-Simmons about this possible event which will be taking place in late March. We also discussed having a weekly event where Senate could place lawn games and play music in the Upper Quad. We also drafted some potential language for the Constitution distinguishing a petition from an initiative.



B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Budget committee will meet Tuesday at 12:40pm-1:30pm in the Ose Conference room. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through the slack app and text.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada*

1. Campus Relations meets Mondays at 5pm.

D. Elections- *Secretary Brost*

1. Tomorrow is Super Tuesday!
2. Senate will be tabling outside the CI from 11-1:30pm
3. There will be posters out there that say “I pledge to vote” that students will sign. Candy will be there for those who sign the posters.

E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

1. Happy Monday everyone! I wanted to thank you all for your work last week and for going out to gather feedback from your constituents about Whittfest.
2. On March 11th, we will be having a Pi Day pick me up starting at 11:30 am in the Upper Quad. There will be pizza and refreshments.
3. Follow the Program Board on instagram @programboad_wc to stay up to date about our events and to leave your feedback for upcoming events!

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

1. So in addition to preparing for the meeting with Sean, we also discussed next steps with our conversation regarding support for international students and the interfaith space. As I mentioned last Monday, we learned that other administrators were already working on this same issue. Kerry Gonzalez and Sal Johnston had already begun speaking to international students and exploring the possibility of establishing an interfaith space. Last week, Deanna was able to touch base with Kerry and allow us to all get on the same page and continue the conversation and initiative collaboratively. Kerry Gonzalez is currently in the process of setting up a small feedback forum with international students with myself, the rest of the advocacy committee, Deanna, Kerry Gonzalez, and a few other administrators. The purpose of this is to just gain a better understanding of all the concerns that international students may have and learn how we as senate and the department of student life can better support this group of students. After this feedback forum, there will be a follow up meeting with Sal Johnston where we review and discuss all the feedback received and discuss next steps. After these initial conversations, advocacy committee will hold a larger feedback forum open to the entire student body, both



international and domestic students to specifically discuss the interfaith space and gain a better understanding as to how to ensure that this space is equitable and accessible to all students.

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

1. N/A

H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Modesti*

1. We had the student feedback forum today.
2. Had 20-25 students come.
3. A lot of feedback was about Whiffest clarification.

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. N/A

J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons*

1. Continued work on the action bill. We are drafting it throughout the next couple of committee meetings.
2. Committee meetings are Tuesday's at 6 in the senate office
3. Bike program is still being developed. Waiting on responses from other schools regarding a few questions
4. Two other small bills in the works
5. Plate Waste Educational Program. First session went well. There was just over 155Lbs of food waste from breakfast and lunch in one day.

XI. First Readings

A. *DI Week 2020:*

1. The reps from Diversity Council have come in asking for
2. The presentation is Diverse Identities week.
3. March 25- April 1
4. 14 events and 12 events have been planned by DC clubs
5. Last year, there were only 9 events.
 - a) Both new co-chairs
 - b) Not a planning structure
 - c) Partnered with VPS
 - d) Co-sponsored IPS
 - e) Students wanted more promoting and events for the week.
6. First event: Dinner with the Pres.
 - a) March 25 at Wardman house.
 - b) TBD on the Time
 - c) Cost \$0.00



7. Black Students, Staff & Faculty Mixer
 - a) Hosted by DC
 - b) March 26 (4:30 -6pm)
 - c) Cost: \$600 of food and drinks
 - d) Hartley House
8. Poetry Session and Slam
 - a) Hosted by TOBGLAD
 - b) March 26
 - c) With be in Harris A
 - d) Cost: \$155 for food, drinks, and art supplies.
9. Haku Lei Worship
 - a) Hosted by Hawai'i Club
 - b) March 27
 - c) Dezember House
 - d) Teaching students how to make lays
 - e) Cost: \$363 for Flowers from Hawaii, food, and drinks
10. Asian Night
 - a) Hosted by Asain Student Association
 - b) March 27 (5-8pm)
 - c) Campus Courtyard
 - d) Displaced Dinner
 - e) Working with KPOET
 - f) Students will be allowed to perform the events.
 - g) Cost: \$1,825.00 for drinks, food, art supplies, and raffle items.
11. International Club Dinner
 - a) Hosted by International Club
 - b) March 28 (5-7pm)
 - c) Greenleaf Thai in Uptown
 - d) For about 20 people (\$20 per person), Cost: \$500
12. Definitions of God
 - a) Hosted by Fellowships of Christian Athletes
 - b) March 30 (12-1:30pm)
 - c) Tabling outside the CI
 - d) Getting the word out of the club



- 13. Indigenous Circle of Wellness**
 - a) DC partnering with the OEI
 - b) March 30 (4:30-6:30pm)
 - c) Villalobos
 - d) Monique Castro will be there for an indigenous 101 workshop
- 14. Film Screening: *The Chronicles of Narnia***
 - a) Hosted by CRU
 - b) March 30 (7-9pm)
 - c) SLC 204
 - d) Cost: \$400 for snacks and screening rights.
- 15. Rev. Rhina Ramos Speaker**
 - a) Hosted by First Gen. & Allies, partnering with the Palmer Society
 - b) Cost: \$128.62 for food, drinks and gift for speaker
- 16. Film Screening: *American Tail***
 - a) Hosted by Jewish Student Association
 - b) March 23 (8-10pm)
 - c) Hoover 100
 - d) Cost: \$125 for screening rights and food
- 17. Thriving Authentically**
 - a) Hosted by the OEI and Career Center
 - b) Partnering with DC
 - c) April 1 (12:30-2:30pm)
 - d) Library
- 18. El Baile**
 - a) A dance hosted by MEChA
 - b) April 1 (5-7pm)
 - c) Club 88
 - d) Cost: \$330 for snacks, drinks and a photo booth
- 19. Two Spirit Speaker (Still TBA)**
 - a) Hosted by UIPN
 - b) Cost: \$230



20. All together \$4,856.62

- a) DC Clubs have been planning to keep costs low
- b) Some clubs are using the \$200 they get at the beginning of the Semester
- c) Advertising Plan: Promoting the day before and right after they get funded.
- d) “We need events to promote diversity and foster community”

21. Sen. Minami: So for the poetry event, are there going to be vendors?

Rep.: That is something that we have been talking about. We are definitely pursuing it.

22. VP Joachim: This reading will be moved to next week.

B. *Model United Nations Conference:*

- 1. The president from Model UN club has come in asking for \$5,100.00
- 2. This year is the 50th year that Whittier has attended the conference but it is overall the 70th year of the event.
- 3. Whittier is hosting the event
 - a) Alum, mics and advisors are what they are in charge of.
- 4. Raised about \$7,000 in alum foundations.
 - a) Been fundraising since October
- 5. They need a speaker and have to pay for their hotel room
 - a) They also pay for the alum hotels as well.
- 6. The hotel cost is \$170 per student
 - a) The student have to stay at that specific hotel
- 7. Total request is 30 students x \$170.00= \$5,100
- 8. Students have to pay for their food and delegate fees for the conference as well.
 - a) It charges their student account.

9. Sen. Garcia: Could you explain why you all have to stay at that specific hotel?

Rep.: If you are participating at that conference, you have to stay at that hotel. We would also have to pay for the rate of four or five nights the student is staying there, instead of one night. Most students stay three nights.

Sen. Minami: I am really excited that you all have some into the Senate and are requesting money from the Senate.

Rep.: Part of hosting the conference is that we are the ones who bring a huge chunk of the research. It is an honor. People will be writing their



essays off of our research.

Sen. Royster: This is for students who are part of the class correct?

Rep.: Yes for those who are part of the club as well.

Sen. Ross: The professor has allowed those who aren't taking the class to go to the conference as well. Some people can't take the class because of schedule reasons.

10. VP Joachim: This reading will be moved to next week.

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. Sen. Royster: ICC meeting is next Wed at 5pm in SLC 508.

B. Sen. Mendoza: Don't forget about to RSVP for the events that the veterans are putting on this month, they would like large student support

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2. This thurs from 12:30-1:30 in Platner

C. Sen. Ross: In regards to last week's meeting, they really appreciated the videos and would like more videos about Senate breakdown. They would also like them up on Engage. People would also like breakdowns of what happens at the meetings, even posting it on social media would help as well.

XIV. Announcements

A. Pres. Moya: Tomorrow is Super Tuesday and I encourage you all to vote. We will be tabling and I will be there basically the whole time. This is basically the first election most of the student body will be voting in.

XV. Adjournment

A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Mendoza

Second By: Sen. Minami

B. **Time:** 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC