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Meeting Minutes for 2/15/21

- I. Meeting is called to order at:** Due to unprecedented weather activity across the country, affecting students' access to internet and power, the original senate meeting tonight will be canceled. In its place will be an open meeting for discussion and support of any kind. The following minutes are the constituent and committee reports for the week.
- II. Constituent Reports**
- A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. D. Torres***
1. N/A
- B. First-Year Class Council: *Sen. Waldorf***
1. FCC did not meet this week but plans on revisiting our constitution and updating our engage site with more current information.
- C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez***
1. This week I talked to Christine and Jose and figured out great goals for my position and talked about working on a survey for students to fill out on how they are doing. I also got the information for the commuter council from Christine. Time to get to work (:
- D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana***
1. To be honest this model has been a bit more chaotic for me since I am taking 4 classes but once this module is over, I have plans to keep students more engage online. For the residential packages, I plan to give care packages with snacks and gender-neutral toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, etc) to the residential students. I am currently planning this out with Director Robinson and I was planning to have both Program Board and Senate collaborate on this. Once we have numbers budgeted, I will reach out to Treasure Estrada with a budget request for it and reach out to Lafayette and Norma as well. In addition, at the end of this module, I am planning to buy feminine products to place in all the women's restrooms in the dorms for emergencies. I am also planning to send Bruce an email regarding wifi updates due to complaints I received out from students. I'll also send another survey out to the residential students within the next upcoming week in any needs, concerns, etc. Thank you.
- E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. J. Torres***
1. This week, Liz Mendoza, intern at the office of institutional research at Whittier College, reached out to me because she is working on gathering information on how Whittier can become a transfer-friendly campus. She

is looking for students to interview that transferred into Whittier from a two or four year institution. Not only will the information gathered be useful to the office of institutional research, but it will also be useful for me as the information will let me know what transfer students need and what new things I can bring up in senate regarding student life and academic help. I created a flyer that was emailed to the veterans resource center on campus as well as posted on social media. If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested in participating please contact Liz Mendoza (google voice: 626.869.7047 poet email: lmendoza@poets.whittier.edu) or myself (google voice: 657.888.3435 poet email: jtorres7@poets.whittier.edu transfer@poets.whittier.edu). Also, today (Monday, Feb. 15) was my first day of office hours for this semester. I will continue to host office hours every Friday between 6pm-7pm via zoom for Spring Module 2. Anyone is welcome to drop in or contact me via email or google voice for any questions, comments or concerns. If you are not available during this time and would like to meet, reach out to me so we can set up a day and time.

2. Zoom information for office hours: Jannet Torres is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
 - a. Topic: Jannet Torres Office Hours
 - b. Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
 - c. Join Zoom Meeting
 - d. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6523637763?pwd=RzVnTWl4WDIGUkRWRC8vUHF0cnhUZz09>
 - e. Meeting ID: 652 363 7763
 - f. Passcode: senate

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Updates:
 - a) If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text
2. Instagram Story:
 - a) Office Hours:
 - (1) Thursday: 12:30pm-1:30pm PST
 - (2) Friday: 2:30pm-3:20pm PST
 - b) Zoom link
 - (1) Meeting ID: 978 254 1514
 - (2) Passcode: 6RUYne

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

1. I have done a lot of reflecting this week on what I've accomplished thus far as a Student Body Representative, and I felt that although at times it feels like I haven't done much, I understood and am working on growing and recognizing that what I've done so far, I should give myself more credit for.
2. With this all in mind, I have many plans for the future that I'm excited to be jumpstarting and bringing ideas to other Senators. I figure it'd be more efficient to list what I've done so far in a numbered format so as not to have paragraphs of writing since I'm sure y'all would rather not spend your night reading a fluffed up novel.
3. 1.) I have been discussing some ideas for the future with Senator Saldana regarding a potential re-introduction to Senate for our internal team and our Constituents. I think our team could benefit from having some meeting / IG Live / IG posts that highlight the strengths, experiences, and connections that we as individual senators have, allowing us to understand better how we can work together.
4. 2.) I reached out to one of the WSP Ambassadors to find out how I can learn more about the work that they do, as well as inviting them to attend our meetings. I was invited to their WSP Ambassador meetings, which I plan on attending next week to discuss my ideas about creating a "bridge" between Senate and the WSP.
5. 3.) I had a discussion with Senator Magana regarding an idea for Program Board that she will be bringing up at the next Program Board meeting. I'm hoping that we'll be able to get our idea approved and move forward with planning and have other Senators become involved, it's still a work in progress so we're not necessarily ready to bring the idea to the full Table.
6. It's been a long week; I hope you all are taking care of yourselves and that you enjoy your Valentine's weekend!
7. Thank you for your hard work and have a great rest of your week.

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen.* _____

1. N/A

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

1. The ICC Full-Body met on 2/10 to discuss the Activities & Societies Fair. We talked about how to engage with students on the day of events, and the schedule for the day of events. We also all agreed to conduct outreach between now (2/10) and the day of the Activities & Societies Fair (2/19 & 2/20)
2. The Activities and Societies Fair will be on 2/19 & 2/20 from 12-2:30 PM on both days. Both events will be on Zoom and have the same Zoom login

information. The Virtual Fair page has been added to Engage, and all of the clubs and organizations that have expressed interest in attending or have committed to attending will be listed.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawaki*

1. Student Activities Fair this Friday, February 19 @ 12-2:30pm
2. meeting Thursday, February 18 @ 3:30pm PST
 - a) Meetings:
 - (1) Women's Leadership Association: Fridays @ 4:30pm PST
 - (a) Had a self love & empowerment event on Friday, 2/12
 - (2) Cru: weekly meeting Thurs @ 5pm PST
 - (a) women's Bible study Mon 5pm
 - (b) Co-ed bible study Tues @ 12:20pm
 - (3) TOBGLAD: Meetings TBD
 - (a) Valentine's Day Crafts
 - (b) Monday, February 15 5-6pm PST
 - (c) RSVP: <http://bit.ly/VCrafts>
 - (4) UIPN: Meetings TBD
 - (5) WC ASL & Deaf Culture Club: Meetings TBD
 - (6) Afro Fusion Dance Team: TBD
 - (7) ASA: Meetings TBD
 - (8) BSA: Meetings TBD
 - (9) Carribean Student Association: Meetings TBD
 - (10) First Gen & Allies: Meetings TBD
 - (11) JSU: Meetings TBD
 - (12) MEChA: Meetings TBD

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

1. N/A

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. N/A

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

1. This week, my constituents and our council discussed goals that we had for the upcoming months that could transform over years. Firstly, we want PSALA to have greater recognition over all of campus, not just athletes. Secondly, we are trying to brainstorm ways to use our allotted budget in the most beneficial way for the entire athletic department. We understand the challenge of no sports hindering us right now, so we speak in hypotheticals for when we return. We discussed hosting a virtual (and

eventually in person) retreat for PSALA at the beginning of each year and potentially every month to create tighter bonds amongst members and stay personal with each other.

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

1. N/A

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

1. Finished society rosters excel sheets
2. Met with Palmer Society leadership talking about recruitment questions and feedback for ISC
3. Email drafted to send to societies regarding Feb 20th Society Fair

III. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. We are working on finding meeting times and fulfilling the poet commons

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. I just want to remind everyone that Budget Committee will meet on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm on zoom. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through slack and text.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Royster*

1. We currently do not have anyone who is a member of Campus Relations so I need more senators to join our committee!

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. The Elections Committee meets at 12:30-1:30 pm PST on Tuesdays
2. This week the committee worked through its edits on the code so far and assigned four different sections of work for the rest of this week to address at our next meeting.
 - a) Online campaigning rules
 - b) Debate outlines
 - c) Finances
 - d) Violations and Sanctions
3. We will also be bringing up two topics to discuss with the table as a whole at this meeting regarding some changes that may or may not be added to the new code
 - a) removing the 100 signature requirement
 - b) Write in candidates
4. As always we invite anyone who is interested to join our committee or just drop into a meeting to see what we are working on.

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board is working on finalizing our February Care Package
2. We're going to be having Welcome Back Week the week of February 22nd-February 26th with the theme Y2K/2000's and here are the event names:
 - a) Monday: Memory Lane Monday
 - b) Tuesday: Tuesday Tunes
 - c) Wednesday: Wacky-Wednesday
 - d) Thursday: #ThrowbackThursday
 - e) Friday: Factorial Friday
3. We'll be having a Black History Trivia event on February 19

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. N/A

G. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Armstrong and Sen. Benn*

1. SFC meetings will be held weekly for open forum if any students have any questions, comments, or concerns if they do not have the chance to attend the Senate Meetings.
 - a. Zoom link
 - i. Meeting ID: 971 0804 9616
 - ii. Passcode: feedback
2. Updates:
 - a. We have an email for this committee! Anyone can email us at feedback@poets.whittier.edu for any questions or concerns.
 - b. Planning for a student town hall or feedback forum soon in the next coming weeks

H. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. The Student Finance committee and OSE is working to upload more articles up on engage.

I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Last week environmental committee put together a post about racism within environmentalism. We also spent some time brainstorming future topics. And I had the chance to attend a virtual screening of the film *Gather* that I would love to create a WC virtual screening for as well, so we'll figure out what ways we can try to create that. Thank you and I hope you're all doing well.

IV. Announcements

A. . Activities & Societies Fair:

1. A couple of weeks ago the planning group for the Activities & Societies Fair gave a presentation on our plans for the event.



2. We are so excited that it is finally the week of and we ask you all to help us advertise for it. We have a flyer that can be shared which was posted on the ICC Instagram page, and that was sent out to all of the senators through slack.
3. The event will be February 19th and February 20th, from 12-2:30 PM on zoom. We have the Virtual Fair Page up and running on Engage, so students can RSVP to the event and see the different clubs & organizations that will be in attendance.
 - a) Here are the links to the Virtual Fair Pages:
 - (1) Friday, 2/19:
<https://whittier.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6910596>
 - (2) Saturday, 2/20:
<https://whittier.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6910598>

Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley Secretary of the ASWC