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Meeting Minutes for 2/1/21

- I. Meeting is called to order at: 5:05**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Sen. Armstrong
- 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 Beasley**
 - A. Present:** President Eccles, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Director Robinson, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Lopez, Senator J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Iseri, Senator Perez, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Garrison, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana, Senator Waldorf
 - B. Absent excused:**
 - C. Unexcused:** Senator Magana
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. Approved by:** Dir. Robinson
 - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Angeliri
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A.** Introductions by Francisco Gomez (he/him/his)
 - 1. In the office of student engagement and student equity center
 - 2. Open invitation to his weekly office hours
- VII. President’s Message - *President Eccles***
 - A.** Good evening all!

Welcome back, I hope everyone's holidays were relaxing and that the start of module 1 for spring has been going well. As Senate looks to start off again for this semester, the table has already been prepped for getting right back into work. Eboard and the table have had 2 retreat session where we not only looked to bond more as a group but also get

started in early goal setting for the semester. We also held a recent talk space event after the event in January regarding the capitol and the inauguration and we look to continue to provided those spaces and also provide space in our meetings for speakers from the college that we do annually but also getting more people to engage with the table and the students in these meetings.

It is as important as ever to make sure we are looking after ourselves. For those of us who were here last spring, we are closely approaching almost a year of online instruction. Please make sure that you and your friends are making time to relax, de stress but most importantly to stay safe and healthy. We have a long semester with a lot of hard work ahead, so I am wishing all of our students the best for the coming weeks. The last week we released applications for the Student Body Representative Position. Dealing with this vacancy will be the first order of business for tonight's meeting. I would like to ask a member of the table to motion to close this meeting so we may continue with the vacancy process.

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$55,246.08
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$5,477.80
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$66,600.27
- E. First Readings:** \$0
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0

IX. First Readings

- A. N/A**

X. Miscellaneous Business

- A. N/A**

XI. Constituent Reports

- A. ISC**

1. Title IX Bill

- a) What is the current status of this bill?
 - (1) Currently still editing the bill, and we do have some administrators working with us on the Bill. I would not mind the help with rewriting the bill. But it would not be until around mid-march when I need that help.
- b) I have some follow up questions.
 - (1) Which E-Board senators are currently assisting Senator Perez with this Bill's progress?
 - (a) I ask this because the response to this bill's initial proposition, in regards to how it was presented or the process on how the senator was going about it

was not positive. If there is an E-Board member who is willing and able to assist, that would be greatly appreciated. This would ensure that the bill is going through the correct process.

- (2) What are next steps?
- (3) Who's the best Faculty or Administrator to ask guidance this?
- c) ISC's Pledge/ Statement to this Bill
 - (1) ISC is on track and has begun to implement mandatory training in regards to Title IX. This however only covers a specific portion of the student population and not all of WC students. We implore that ASWC, as a collective, work towards ensure this bill pass for the safety of our constituents. ASWC should be leading this initiative to provide mandatory workshops not only Title IX, but Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) for all of our constituents.
 - (a) We (ISC) are more than willing to sponsor this bill. We have heard the feedback from our constituents and what their needs are, and are properly responding. ASWC needs to do the same for the whole student body.

2. New Logo

- a) Sen. Schoech: We would like to update the ISC Logo, is there any one on the table willing to help with that or moving forward in any way.
- b) President Eccles: Senator Armstrong is for sure capable to help with this, as well as talking with professors in the art departments for other students.. I think the best way to go is to sit down as ISC and see what the best way to go is.
- c) Sen. Armstrong : i agree with President Eccles, that there are other design artist who would be interested in this opportunity. What does the ISC emblem look like. Based off of communications it does have to have some form of WC memorabilia
- d) Sen. Saldana: I don't know if this would directly apply, because not all societies have the WC logo in them. Sen. Armstrong I am more then happy to work with you and share ideas. I just wanted to clarify that

- e) Sen Schoech: I just thought of this but what if we gave the criterion to students and made it kind of a competition for the logo.
- f) Christine Hernandez: you can add a prize for the winner, you can open it up to members of the community. Do you need a transparent one , or anything specific.

B. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. D. Torres*

- 1. Continuing to work on a student council for my position
- 2. Working with an OSE Ambassador (Amelia Gregorio) about an Academic Award that is being considered for this years student life awards

C. First-Year Class Council: *Sen. Waldorf*

- 1. FCC Mentorship program launched, some members have not been in touch and we are working on contacting them.
- 2. Planning on creating an all first-year Discord and hosting social events on it like game nights.

D. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

- 1. My constituents have talked to me about difficulty for paying for tuition. There was a senior that got a call from president Oubre stating that if they did not pay they would be dropped from spring classes. I understand why this happened but it is concerning that the president doesn't reach out to students like that but when she did it was for tuition, seems a little unfair to me.

E. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

- 1.

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

- 1.

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

- 1. If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text
- 2. Be more interactive with students
 - a) Use Instagram Stories more to my advantage to connect more with students & gather necessary feedback
 - b) Use Google forms and documents to my advantage to gather student feedback
- 3. Collaborate with necessary WC staff, faculty, & departments to hold a space for students with my Representative position

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

- 1. This week I spent a lot of time on self-reflection and where I want to see myself and the goals I've set for the rest of the school year as a student, Senator, and person in general.

The first of my goals is to better myself in regards to organization and timing. With this being said, submitting my constituent reports on time and thoroughly is at the top of my priority list as I understand that submitting them on time not only affects me, but also my POD. I also want to try to stick to schedules as well as possible, however given recent circumstances this may prove much more difficult.

It was recent news to me that my family and I are relocating to Oregon from the Bay Area, and this poses a threat to my everyday life, but that may not be such a terrible thing. I realize that I'll have to be more cautious about scheduling as I'll have more family responsibilities, but I also want to hold myself accountable for the work I aspire to do.

This school year I want to make a big difference. I feel like my presence on the table has been minimal and often just glanced over or overshadowed by others, and I'd like a chance to prove that I deserve to be here as much as everyone else.

I'm in the process of discussing getting a bill started with a couple of other Senators that I'm excited to be collaborating with. I'm hoping to be able to reach out to other Senators on the table more often this year to discuss their experiences on Senate and learn from them as much as I can.

Moving forward, I'd like to take the power I have and represent my constituents as efficiently and accurately as possible.

As of right now, I'm looking forward to what the future holds and I'm ready to get some good work done! Have a wonderful week

I. Student Body Representative: *Sen.* _____

1. N/A

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

1. The ICC E-board met on 1/14 & 1/21 to discuss our thoughts on how the last Fall semester went for our council and goals for this ICC for this Spring semester. Our first Full-Body ICC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 4:30 PM. We will be holding an election for our new Secretary, discussing the Activities Fair, and planning for the Spring Semester.

K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawaki*

1. Next DC meeting - Thursday, February 4 @ 3:30pm
2. Goals for the semester:
 - a) Organize and help support clubs for a virtual Diverse Identities week for DC clubs
 - b) Work on ensuring classes are accurately representing diverse topics and materials
 - (1) Reach out to faculty
 - (2) Talk to students

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

1.

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1.

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

1. My goals for this upcoming year on senate and moving forward are the following: Firstly, as a PSALA rep, I would like to ensure that coaches and upperclassmen of teams are reaching out to transfers and freshmen and making sure the new students are being involved. This is to increase the retention rate at Whittier college for student-athletes and create a tighter community. My second main goal is to be more active on the senate table and take on more responsibility. This can also be to help out other senators with tasks that need delegation.

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

1. Our e-board met for PSALA and discussed our restructuring of the club, ie.) adding new positions and recommending fellow athletes for the positions. We also discussed the details of our first meeting which will occur Wednesday Feb. 3.
2. Also, the athletes have a Title IX education meeting on Monday at 6:00 pm, so I can come to Senate for the first hour then I have to go.

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

1. ISC has moved onto Notion to increase productivity and make communication easier for Spring Recruitment
2. I am working on an Initial Interest Form for Spring Recruitment
3. 2:1 Meetings with Deanna have been arranged
4. ISC Monthly meetings for the Spring will be scheduled by Monday
5. Working on an email to be sent out to societies on Monday
6. Planning Activities & Societies Fair For February 19 & 20
7. ISC follow-up on the Title IX Bill from the Fall
 - a) Which E-Board senators are currently assisting Senator Perez with this Bill's progress?
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XII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. I finally met with David, from the Library, and I got access to the Poet Commons. I am now able to put up all of our agendas, mins, bills, etc on the Poet Commons. It is a lot of work so they will be going up slowly but surely. I will probably be working on this for a couple of month due to how many documents I need to post onto the Poet Commons. I will keep you all updated on my progress.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. My goals for the spring modules are:
 - a) I want to put more articles for student finance up on engage for everyone to see and learn off of
 - b) Fund online events by teaming up with more organizations and clubs
 - c) Create a transition folder for the future treasurer
 - d) 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. Hello Everyone, Welcome back to the first Senate Meeting, I am so excited for everyone to be back in the swing of things. I truly look forward to all that the table will do this semester. As for my Positional and Committee Goals moving forward. I plan to create an instagram/social media schedule to allow us to become more present on social media than before. Continue to find new ways to engage with the student body via social media and beyond. I also plan on beginning to use my space on the executive board to reach out to clubs and organizations on campus, to ask what they need from the senate and what support can we offer them moving forward. I created a baseline instagram recap graphic to be

uploaded after the Senate Meeting, as a quick recap for students who don't have the ability to get to the minutes right away. Through the committee I plan on us putting together the documents for the transitory reports for each position as well as to continue creating the different themes for talk spaces. I created the plan for the first talk space we had in January and through the conversations had there and talked around it, I see it as something that should completely continue. Working with the committee to ensure that each talk space has a general topic of interest, but also at the end of the day a safe space for students to come and decompress. If you are interested in the Talk Space or anything in between please let me know Campus Relations will meet on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30. Do remember to sign up for at least 2 committees let your pod leader know, and get those attendance points. I know that was long but do you have any questions?

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. Hello all my updates for you today are in two areas. The first area is a reiteration of points and pods and the second is about Elections Committee for this upcoming semester.
2. I wanted to send congratulations to Jose and his pod as they were the only pod to receive any points for turning in constituent reports. This is a reminder that everyone in your pod must turn in their report on time in order to receive points for the pod races.
 - a) Furthermore it is the first meeting of the new semester and we are already missing 5 constituent reports for this meeting alone. This does not bode well and I hope we can have more turned in this next week
3. My second point is to highlight that the next 4 weeks the elections committee will be focused heavily on rewriting and codifying the elections code to have it prepared and passed for the upcoming spring elections.
 - a) If you would like to take part in this rewriting or have opinions let me know and I can make sure our scheduled weekly meetings are at a time that you can make.

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board will send out January Care Packages on Sunday, January 31st
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 another Make-it-Wednesday on February 3rd
 4. Program Board's weekly meetings for Spring Module I are on Wednesdays @ 2 pm PST.

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. Nothing to report. Tentative meeting time still at every second Thursday at 4:30 but is subject to change. If you are interested in joining the advocacy committee please email, text or tell me before you leave the meeting.

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 on Monday's
2. We are planning to get a consensus on a meeting time for Spring Module 1
3. Goals
 - a. Keep and hold an open space for all WC students during our meetings
 - i. Advertise this more on social media & update the engage page as needed
 - b. Collaborate with necessary Staff & Faculty to communicate student feedback
 - c. Hold an Agenda & Meeting Minutes for our weekly meetings
 - d. Possible Social Media platform & email for SFC?
 - e. Hold a town hall each module for feedback
 - f. Hold at least 2 Feedback Forums in Spring '21

H. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

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

I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. This past week the enviro committee, sustainability club, and FRN met to discuss a collaboration and develop long-term support between our organizations. Enviro will also be collaborating with the sustainability club for our next post. I also want to create a weekly or biweekly transparency post about WC issues, and we're working on how to best get that information out there. Thanks, hope ya'll are well!

XIII. Announcements

A. Spring Activities and Societies Fair

1. Presentation on Fair

B. Invitation to Orientation

C. Deanna



1. Hello Everyone:) I will be posting information about Black History month in the Slack. I am taking the lead on this so if you have any questions let me know. Also, I will be working with Senator Armstrong on getting feedback on a Student Life Curriculum we are developing. Stay tuned!!

XIV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Robinson

Second By: Sen. Garrison

B. Time: 6:52

Respectfully Submitted by Laren Beasley Secretary of the ASWC