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Meeting Minutes for 11/30/2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5: 05**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote: The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**
Read By: Sen. D Torres
- 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 Beasley**
 - A. **Present:** President Eccles, Vice President Brost, Secretary Beasley, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Director Robinson, Senator Falcon-Juengert, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Magana, Senator Lopez, Senator Yamawaki, Senator J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Waldorf, Senator Iseri,, Senator Schoech, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden,, Senator Saldana
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Garrison
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by: Senator Magana**
 - B. **Seconded by: Senator Saldana**
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. N/A
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Eccles***
 - A. Good evening all!
Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break.
I hope you all had a safe, relaxing break, and with only a few weeks of classes left before the end of the fall semester it seems like things have gone so fast. Work hard these next

few weeks. The holidays can only be made better with the feelings of accomplishment after seeing your hard work pay off.

Eboard is committed after last week to continue adding trainings for not just the table but for all our students this week and through the Spring modules. We ask that if at anytime, you are not understanding something, or you are confused/ want to engage in something that hasn't been talked about yet please let us know as soon as possible so we can create reusable documents and presentations for you all.

Lastly, as we head into December, reflect on the past year, not just the negatives but the positives we can take with us to 2021. We can only learn, grow, and continue to improve, and I expect nothing less from our table as we finish out the academic year.

Our last meeting for fall will be next Monday Dec 7th.

Have a great week everyone!

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:** \$0.00
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00
- G. Media Council** \$42,018.00
- H. Program Board** \$47,444.58
- I. Remaining Council Balances** \$1,012.77

IX. First Readings

X. Miscellaneous Business

- A. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QW-HxBKLjTxKMtYf1bYjLmqBPtUAjZF-CDhVxQsTCNo/edit?usp=sharing>**

B. Bill, Amendment, & Initiative Workshop

1. A copy of this presentation will be published under the documents tab of the ASWC Engage.
2. Questions/Comments
3. Senator Waldorf: Can you please Explain fast tracking
4. VP Brost: Fast tracking allows for a bill or funding to not go through all of the normal required readings due to time constraints or other issues
5. Member of the Public: how are members outside of senate getting this presentation and information
6. Director Royster: There will be a link to the presentation presented that is in our minutes so anyone with a Poet email can access the link
7. Secretary Beasley: The PDF of the presentation will be linked in a PDF presentations upload to the Engage.

XI. Constituent Reports

XII. NTS: International & Transfer Student, Mentee Program

A.

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

1. I am continuing to work on an outline for what a potential social media page could look like and what it would entitle.
2. I am also continuing to work on an outline for what a council would look like and who would be a part of it.
3. I am continuing to work on incentives for the students that were nominated.

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

1. No FCC meeting this week due to break
2. Reached out to get Mentorship program in next poet update
3. spoke to a few other freshmen who are upset about INTD 101 as they feel it is added work and stress without any benefits and don't think it should be required

D. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

1. N/A

E. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

1. This past week, Lafayette gave the senate a talk regarding Title 9 and we were taught what the school is planning to do if there was a case to that. Program Board and I were planning to do a trivia night with the residential students and all students. I think I may send small goodie bags to the residential students sometime this semester.

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

1. I spoke to FCC President Waldorf about the first year student mentor program. I brought up the fact that although transfer students and international students have previous college experience, they are still considered first year students to Whittier College and don't know the ins and outs of Whittier. With that being said, international and transfer students that just became a part of the Whittier College community this year can apply to be a part of the mentoring program as mentees. I will be taking a closer look at the application and see if there needs to be any changes to it in order to accommodate non-traditional students (specifying in the application of the mentee applying is a first year student with no college experience, first year transfer student or first year international student).

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Contact Information - Instagram account @lyss.13 - Google Voice: (657) 229-0096 - Email: aarmstro@poets.whittier.edu Updates: - I have been

hearing that many students do not feel motivated during this time in the semester/module system - If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text - Please attend the Student Town Hall on Thursday, December 3rd if you have any issues any Student Body Representatives can help you out! - Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5846712631?pwd=bmQ1UEgrN3VhbWRtVHpLNk1YdmZCUT09> Meeting ID: 584 671 2631 Password: feedback

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

1. N/A

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

1. The full body ICC will be meeting for our next (and final) meeting for the 2020 year, this Wednesday, December, 2nd, at 5pm. Monday, November 30th, prior to the full body ICC meeting, the ICC eboard will be meeting.
2. The ICC is looking to collaborate with other councils on a Student Engagement Expo in the Spring for all clubs/organizations on campus, to help boost engagement and the school community.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki*

1. N/A

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

1. N/A

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. Media Council did not meet because of the thanksgiving break. We are currently working with Christine to get the other MC organizations their funding.

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

1. We did not meet this week due to the thanksgiving holiday break. We are still reaching out to coaches to fill the council with members over the winter break.

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

1. We will be meeting for PSALA tonight at 8 pm and then a whole constituent meeting this Wednesday.

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

1. For ISC we reached out to constituents and asked whether or not their societies will be pledging in the spring most of them had said no while one society wants to see how recruitment goes.

XIII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Admin Committee is still waiting to hear back from the library about the Poet Commons. But we are still working on gathering documents for the Poet Commons and converting everything over to PDF format. We also worked on the presentation that we showed today. Dir Royster will be sending it out with all your Senate information. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions that you may have, even if they come up over break. Please also reach out if you have an idea and you don't know how to get the ball rolling. This is what admin committee is here for, to help guide you as best as we can!

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. I just want to remind everyone that 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, I hope y'all are having a good start to your finals time period. We got 9 more days of classes and then we're done. In light of all of the information that has been presented to and from the table the last few meetings. An email will be sent out directly after this meeting or the moment I finish my report that will include all PDF copies of all of the material we have gone over. With that please remember that next Monday is our Holiday Gathering where we will be showing off our Pod Holiday Cards and just having the fun as a Senate Table. Also the December Gear should be delivered to me within this week, so look forward to receiving those packages within the next week or two. Campus Relations will not meet this week or next week. I am currently working on planning a Retreat and Refresh for the beginning of the Spring Modules to get everyone back on track and back into the swing of things. Other than that please send me your Spring Module Schedule ASAP and please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. Hello all I hope you had a restful break. After this meeting Director Royster will be emailing out the Internal Memo discussed at the last meeting with the updated Constituent Report expectations.
 - a) I just wanted to remind everyone that those expectations are to have constituent reports in email to myself and Director Royster and should be contained within the body of the email itself as opposed to attachments. These are new expectations so they might be different than what you have done in the past. We are trying to



create a uniform system to make this as easy as possible for everyone.

2. The Elections Committee met last week and started preliminary edits and comments on the Elections Code for updated regulations on online only elections procedures. We will be doing a work through of those comments this week and hopefully be ready to present our final edits for senate approval at the first meeting of the new module in January
- 3.

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board will have December Care Package sign-ups this week
2. - We're having our last meeting 12/1

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. The Advocacy Committee didn't meet last week but this Thursday 3rd at 4:30pm pst.

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

1. Module 2 Schedule: Weekly // Tuesday @ 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Meeting ID: 817 4468 2901 Passcode: 6fsDWS - SFC meetings will be held every week on Tuesday for open forum if any students have any questions, comments, or concerns if they did not have the chance to attend the Senate Meetings on Monday's Updates: - Student Town Hall - Thursday, Dec. 3rd @ 5pm - Ask students on Instagram, if they cant make it, for any questions they want answered or need resources for - Promotion begins on Nov. 23rd and will continue until the day of event - Instagram promotion by E-Board and Senators via Slack - Feedback Forum - Nov. 30th @ 12:30pm - 1:30pm PDT - Promotion begins on Nov. 23rd and will continue until the day of event - Instagram promotion by E-Board and Senators via Slack - I sent out a google form to all senators to fill out topics & questions that will be brought up for discussion - Will have updates to add to this report for meeting minutes on 11/30 since the meeting would have occurred earlier that day

a. Response to This

- i. Senator Armstrong reviewed comments and ideas brought up at today's Student Feedback meeting (Newsletters, Mental Health, Overstimulation, Recognizing the good on campus)
- ii. Senator Waldorf commented on having a partnership with Student Feedback Committee and FCC to help connect to create a LinkTree of resources

- iii. Gil gave commentary on setting up a meeting with any willing senators about being a link to all the different departments on campus

H. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. So far the committee is going well and I'm working with the OSE to get articles up on engage.

I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Hey ya'll, last week environmental committee did not meet synchronously due to break but we are creating some resources for folks to learn more about indigenous environmental issues (and more) that'll be located within our social media pages. Other than that, I'm still in the process of gathering info from contacts about WC sustainability but we will be focusing on recycling for our next post. Thanks!

XIV. Announcements

- A. Deanna: great job Alyssa and Zoe on the feedback forum, I would love it if you could ask students how they would love to receive feedback and how they want to receive information. Next meeting I am presenting on the CARE program, Gil is a part of that Committee with me. I'm so proud of y'all, and your engagement and how Whittier College Leaders continue to be engaged with everything.
- B. Sen Saldana: Deanna thank you so much you have been killing it, in regard to communication. Maybe when the Discord is flushed out that is one way that we can get student involvement there.
- C. Senator Benn: Wednesday at 6pm Professor Evangivine is hosting a green careers event
- D. Sen Beasley: I just feel like there are a lot of events, I feel that students are spreading themselves very thin and there is too much quantity without enough quality. If there were fewer events with more emphasis on those few events there might be more engagement. Also on a larger note, Engage is not a very user friendly website, it's hard for students to navigate. The UI design isn't effective and similar to the difficulty with navigating the whittier website. The complexity of Engage means nobody wants to deal with the website so nobody uses it so the student hub doesn't exist.
- E. Christine: Giving a Shoutout to Senator Schoech for hosting office hours with the OSE and I also wanted to comment on if anyone had any leadership activities that anyone would be interested in as we plan programming for the spring.



F. Senator Magana: There are about 40 students living on campus and I wanted to make goody bags for those students. Something small for the students still left on campus.

XV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Z. Benn

Second By: Sen. Magana

B. Time: 6:09pm

Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley, Secretary of the ASWC