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Meeting Minutes for 11/23/2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:05pm**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote: “The biggest secret in life is that there is no secret. Whatever your goal is, you can get there if you’re willing to work “ Oprah Winfrey**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**
Read By: Sen. Garrison
- 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: Director Robinson
- 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 J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Waldorf, Senator Iseri, Senator Garrison, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden,, Senator Saldana
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Lopez, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Schoech,
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Magana
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Benn
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. **Lafayette Baker Present to present Presentation on Title IX training**
 1. **Presentation on Revised Title IX Whittier College Sexual Misconduct Policy Review**
 2. **Powerpoint Presentation Given**
 3. **QUESTIONS**

- a) **Senator Armstrong: Will the Title IX department be working with the Restorative Justice Committee**
- b) **Senator Golden: Is there a way for the Title IX Office to send out this updated policy when it goes live?**
- c) **Lafayette Baker: Absolutely when this goes live we will make sure it is included in a poet update.**

VII. President's Message - *President Eccles*

A. Good Evening all!

First a big thank you to Lafayette for coming in and providing this training and updates for us. For those who want to know more, have any questions please reach out to Lafayette. For those who weren't able to be here, we will be working with Lafayette on providing you all with other chances for training like this.

After last week's meeting and state of the senate, eboard and I have been working to not just listen to your feedback and criticisms but to try and work and implement better practice asap. Eboard was worked to prepare a memo to be read out soon detailing some of the plans to get you all the info you need.

Thanksgiving break is still a week and while it is important to relax, rest and recover. It is also a time for reflection. For some it is reflection on the holiday itself, for some it is reflection on the past year and for some it's a contemplation of the future. Regardless of what our holiday experience is this year, please make sure to put yourself first. Stay safe and stay healthy this break.

Let's come back from the break excited and ready to take on the rest of the year.

I'll finish with a quote by Robin Williams "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."

Have a great week everybody!

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance: \$55396.08**
- B. Operational Account Balance: \$6894.93**
- C. Reserve Account Balance: \$34631.00**
- D. Allocated Thus Far: \$6450.27**
- E. First Readings: \$0**
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0**

IX. First Readings

X. Miscellaneous Business

A. SOS Recap

- 1. Hello Everyone, So in understanding that not all students and senators could be present at last week's State of the Senate. Today I will be recapping the overarching statements that were made by Members of the Public as well as Senators currently on the table. The first questions asked

was about if you as senators were given the Electronic binders at the beginning of the Semester? The answer to this is no, and the electronic version of the binder was sent out on Thursday in the Slack. Second Questions was how are senators informed on what their positions entailed the past few months? Thirdly an overarching conversation of funding, scholarships via senate, hand sanitizers, food pantry and the Whittier Community Fridge. Fourth Statement. Eboard what will you all do to make sure Senators feel more supported and trained within their current pods? Fifth statement I have heard from senators that they didn't even know what State of the Senate is? Next Statement ; if we as Senators don't know what's being done, it's hard for us to ask questions for clarification as an entire Senate Table. Nextly how can we ensure that Student body fees are being used in the most positive way and ensuring that all students have the ability to be supported? Two lasting overarching topics, one being the lack of preparation we as an eboard have given to you all as senators, and secondly as about 75% of you are new senators it is very hard to go to each other without the proper training. With all of these statements and questions moving forward. I have three topics to note that I will be working on personally. How are senators informed on what their position entailed the past few months? I am working to get a statement to each senator by Tuesday evening of their position breakdown as of the constitution as a senator who has not been in all positions. This is all that I have to go buy. As there were no transitory reports given for your positions. This will be a document that I will be working on to have finished by senators before the last senate meeting of the school year to ensure that moving forward all senators have this. Secondly the comment of I've heard from senators that they didn't even know what state of the senate is. This is not okay so moving forward to ensure that understanding of any event that is presented I will make sure that there is a short blurb explaining each event, moving forward if you do not know about something that I personally am presententing on please do not hesitate to direct message me to get it explained . And lastly I and the Campus Relation committee will be meeting tomorrow to work on some ways that we as a senate table can bond and have fun together as well as fun activities for all of us to get to know each other better. Other than that do any of you have any comments and or questions.

B. Internal Memo

1. Meeting has been closed

2. **The Meeting has been reopened**
 - a) **Motioned By: Senator Benn**
 - b) **Seconded By: Senator Magana**

XI. Constituent Reports

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

1. I have closed the nomination forms for both Faculty and Students for Fall Module 1. The following students have been nominated by faculty members. They will be receiving a certificate, be highlighted on the Senate Instagram (if they want to be highlighted), and receive an incentive.
2. Congratulations to you all!
 - a) Tristan Keyser
 - b) Shellby Lewis
 - c) Jeanie Cox
 - d) Destiny Trinh
 - e) Nailah Beyeme-Martin
 - f) Lauren Beasley
 - g) Deborah Hernandez
 - h) Kamryn Garcia
 - i) Lorenzo Espinoza
 - j) Cat Mann
 - k) Fancisco Alonso
 - l) Kat Garrison
 - m) Ishaan Chetty
 - n) Dominic Samanta
 - o) Jai Battle
 - p) Irfana Hashmi
3. The following are the Faculty Members that have been nominated by students. Congratulations!
 - a) Julia Sushytska
 - b) Kathy Barlow
 - c) Jennifer Holmes
4. My goal is to open up the forms for the second round of nominations (both Faculty and Students) for Fall Module 2 at the beginning of Spring Module 1.
5. Hope everything has a safe and happy Thanksgiving break! I am grateful to be a part of the Whittier College community!

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

1. Mentorship program (I'd like to speak about this at the senate meeting):

- a. Fliers were made to advertise the program, one to encourage first years to join as mentees and one to encourage upperclassman to join as mentors
- b. The questions for each questionnaire were finalized
- c. Contacted Christine to send an email out to all first-years through the INTD 101 moodle
- d. Questionnaires to fill out to be a part of this program went live on the FCC Engage Thursday night
- e. Publicizing of the program started today (Friday) through Instagram and individual communications

- f. Created a Remind Text for first-years to be notified of events related to first-years, publicizing of this has not started yet.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

- 1.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

1. This week I've been just checking in on residents here and there to make sure if they need any accommodations. The WiFi and hot water is up to date. Thank you.

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

1. With the end of the fall semester around the corner, I am beginning to reach out to the offices on campus that will be in charge of the spring semester orientation for both transfer and international students.
2. I will be listing office hours soon for the upcoming modules
3. when the Senate youtube channel is up and running, I want to make sure that it is accessible to students with disabilities and students with a language barrier
 - a. making sure that closed captions are an option
 - b. make sure closed captions are available in different languages

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Contact Information
 - a) Instagram account @lyss.13
 - b) Google Voice: (657) 229-0096
 - c) Email: aarmstro@poets.whittier.edu
2. Updates:
 - a) I have been hearing that many students who do not feel motivated during this time in the semester/module system
 - b) If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

1. Senator Armstrong and I have been working on the details for the upcoming Student Feedback Forum
2. I've been waiting to hear back from Deanna in regards to scheduling a meeting to discuss some potential ideas for the Table
3. Reached out to a Career Center employee to discuss potential partnership for an event I have in mind
4. Reviewed my goals as a Senator for the year and tried / trying to see what I can do / have done to meet them
5. Working with constituents on more niche problems [clubs and org. reg.]

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

1. The ICC met Wednesday, November 18th at 5:00PM, and had a very productive meeting. We are in the process of getting a zoom account, and are working to increase student engagement (especially for spring semester). One event we are looking to host, or collaborate with other councils on, is a Spring Student Engagement Expo.
2. Our next (and final) meeting for the 2020 year, will be Wednesday, December, 2nd, at 5pm.

I. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki*

1. New Diversity Council IG!
 - a) @wcdiversitycouncil
 - b) Follow to meet the clubs & get notified about events
2. Brotherhood Talk w/ guest speaker Jamal J. Myrick
 - a) For self-identified men of color
 - b) Register: tinyurl.com/brotherstalk
 - c) **Monday, Nov 30 @ 3-4pm PST**
- 3.

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

- 1.

K. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. **WCSN continues to make and post videos on our Youtube channel. At this moment, it still unknown if sports will return in winter or later**
2. **KPoet is working on launching the website and streamlining weekly album reviews. Is also continuing to curate music, and working towards interviewing local artists**
3. **VPS didn't have a meeting this week so members could attend a Zoom call with Whittier College alumni and two time Emmy winner Arthur Seidelman. We are planning a potential video editing contest for Spring semester.**
4. **QC is publishing daily like usual. Starting to cover less of the elections at the moment and more the after math, and what happens next.**

5.

6.

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

1. With PSALA we are focused on filling members that will help to take the club in the right direction for our future. We are giving the breaks and such time for coaches to nominate players that would be fit to represent their teams.

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

Angileri

1. Nothing to report.
2. We are meeting in PSALA after the Thanksgiving break.

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

Saldana

1. thalian society's moving forward with a co-nme option
2. currently planning an all society meeting to talk about new member education for the upcoming academic year
3. begin planning as to how ISC will look like in the spring

XII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Admin Committee is collecting forms to add to the Poet Commons (like the a lit of clubs/orgs and societies). We are also working on converting all documents over to PDFs. Lastly, we are now waiting to hear back from the library what the next steps are. They are building our platform, so the next steps will be adding training on how to add the Senate's documents to the Poet Commons and then adding them.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. We will be having budget committee on Nov. 25th
2. 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. Campus Relations will be meeting Tuesday at 4:30 PDT, and will be going over ideas for table bonding and further discussion for ways that we can keep the student body involved via our social media.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. Hello all at this past week's elections committee meeting discussed a number of new expectations that will be coming into play after Winter Break.
 - a) Youtube Channel
 - b) Meeting Minutes Breakdown

- c) Constituent Report Recognition
- d)

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

- 1. The Program Board had November Care Package sign-ups on 11/20 through Engage and we're planning to mail them out on 11/23.
- 2. We're having another Make-It-Wednesday event on 11/25 :).
- 3. When we come back from our November break, we'll be having an event called "Appreciation Monday" and we'll have more info on that event later this week.

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

- 1. **Advocacy met last week. We talked about the importance of looking at creating a space for student body presidents of SCIAC Colleges similar to space for the Presidents and the SAAC have to meet with one another.**
- 2. **Also mentioned to Bruce about trying to work on making senate more open and reachable by non-students.**
- 3. **We won't meet this week but Thursday 3rd at 4:30pm.**

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

- 1. Updates:
 - a. Student Town Hall Thursday, Dec. 3rd @ 5pm
 - i. Ask students on instagram, if they cant make it, for any questions they want answered or need resources for
 - ii. Promotion begins on Nov. 23rd and will continue until the day of event
 - iii. Rsvp on Engage starts on Nov. 23rd
 - iv. Instagram promotion by E-Board and Senators via Slack
 - b. Feedback Forum
 - i. Nov. 30th @ 12:30pm - 1:30pm PDT
 - ii. Graphics will be made very soon and will be sent for promotional purposes via Instagram by E-board and Senators
 - iii. I sent out a google form to all senators to fill out topics & questions that will be brought up for discussion
- 2. 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

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 am having one-on one meetings with people that are requesting them in order to help them succeed.

I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Hi everyone, last week environmental committee did not meet synchronously so members had the opportunity to attend an OEI event scheduled at the same time. But we created a post about pollution in the pandemic, specifically PPE waste in the wake of COVID-19 and its impact on wildlife and oceans. I also reached out to Professor Mborah and Duran to get a conversation going about sustainability at Whittier College. And I want to encourage you all to seek out and engage with literature to unlearn the white-washed narrative of Thanksgiving. Thank you.

XIII. Announcements

A. Mentorship Program

1. **Applications are open and we have lots of people applying, please encourage first years to apply and be in the mentor program as well.**
2. **If anyone has suggestions on how to get more first years to participate please let me know**
3. **Applications close on December 31st at 11:45pm**

B. Christine: Decolonization of Thanksgiving. Please read resources, consider what land you are on,

XIV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Magana

Second By: Sen. Benn

B. Time: 6:53

Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley, Secretary of the ASWC