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Meeting Minutes for 11/2/2020

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

Read By: Sen. Angeliri
- 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 Brost**
 - 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 J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Waldorf, Senator Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Garrison, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Coco, Senator Saldana
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Garrison
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Angileri
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. Let SCIAC Play Petition
 1. Tommy Lyle-Temple : petitioning for SCIAC, the Administration and the Department of Public Health to allow for student athletes on campus to play and I am here to answer any questions about that
 2. Senator F-J: If other people have questions about the petitions can they reach out to you?
 3. Tommy: Yes I am the individual to reach out to about this petition

4. Member of the Public: Did the school say we were returning again in the spring?
5. Tommy: This has nothing to do with returning to class but the department of health will make exceptions for athletes
6. Senator Magana: Can you do a summary of what is going on
7. Tommy: We are petitioning the
8. Senator F-J: What is the difference between students and athletes then as the Athletes are now being presented as coming back to school
9. Deanna: Each college - including the Claremont colleges - have the presidents meeting to decide what their spring schedule is looking like. We as a college have decided to follow LA County guidelines. Athletes might be treated separately. The practices that might be happening for athletes at other schools. Those athletes are not being housed on campus. I will bring that question back to the Senior Cabinet
10. Tommy: The LA County Department of Public Health personally reached out to a number of those running the petitions (which has 2500 signatures) with guidelines for institutions for higher educations specifically for Athletics so if the senior cabinet is going based on LA county guidelines then I am confused as to why we aren't doing athletics.
11. Anica F-J: Can we have access to those Guidelines
 - a) Attached Email Text from the LA Department of Health:
 - b) Thank you for contacting the Department of Public Health with your concerns regarding community collegiate athletics. Your input is noted and will be considered in our ongoing discussions about reopening additional sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - c) Higher education institutions are currently closed for most in-person instruction, with the exception of training and required activities for essential workforce that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning. However, college athletics are allowed to operate in-person in compliance with the California Department of Public Health Interim Guidance for Collegiate Athletics. For more detailed information, please refer to State of California Guidance for Higher Education (guidance for collegiate athletics begins on page 24) and Los Angeles County Higher Education Reopening Protocol. We recommend communicating with your school and the SCIAC to learn more about their specific plans.
 - d) From Tommy Lyle-Temple to Everyone: (7:21 PM)

- e) Per State Guidance collegiate athletic competition between teams without spectators is permitted to begin only if:
 - f) Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) can provide COVID-19 testing and results within a 48 hour period in advance of competition in high contact risk sports.
 - g) Athletics departments have considered how best to secure reasonable assurance that the same risks have been adequately considered and addressed by other teams. This includes consideration of how to share testing results and related safety assurances with opposing teams before the start of an event in a manner consistent with applicable health information and education privacy laws.
 - h) In conjunction with local public health officials and contact tracers, schools must have in place a mechanism for notifying other schools should an athlete from one team test positive within 48 hours after competition with another team.
 - i) From Tommy Lyle-Temple to Everyone: (7:22 PM)
 - j) Athletics departments, in consultation with institutional leadership, must evaluate the availability of, and accessibility to, local contact tracing resources. Where the availability of local contact tracing resources is inadequate, schools must train on-site personnel or procure contact tracing resources. Staff who complete formal training in contact tracing can be an invaluable resource with respect to institutional risk-management efforts and resources.
12. Director Royster: We will be having a feedback committee for student feedback that I will mention in my report
13. Senator Armstrong: I have a message from a student:
14. Tommy: This isn't about returning to sports as normal. This is about us entering a bubble. We will have to test biweekly or triweekly by the guidelines and we will have to have contact tracing and so we won't be "returning to normal". The idea that athletes are returning to sports and don't care about killing people is wrong. This isn't returning to normal this is something new
15. Senator Armstrong: I am afraid that with our generation we won't be as concerned about making sure that others are safe
16. Tommy: We will be following the exact same program and guidelines as Biola University. If you do not follow guidelines

17. Senator Benn: Did the petition originate from Whittier College Students or with other college students
18. Tommy: It started with Whittier
19. Senator Benn: Could you give us run down of what Biola is doing
20. Tommy: In order to do this you have to submit a plan and get it approved by the department of health. It would have a quarantine period and there would be multiple tests and a preapproved plan
21. Senator Benn: So where would the tests be coming from and would they be taken away from others?
22. Tommy: we would be using Project Baseline and if we did not use project baseline which offers free tests then it would be about \$3,500 in testing which would be fundraised and it wouldn't be coming from the school
23. VP Brost: Some testing allows you to use your insurance card as well instead of costing money
24. Deanna: the LACDH is making sure to hold colleges accountable and making sure they have a plan for testing in order for anyone to return so Senator Benn that was a good question
25. Senator Angileri: This is just a proposal to get conversations going in SCIAC and the health department. We are trying to make the presidents of the various colleges within the conference talk to one another
26. Tommy: this is all about us starting conversations because there is a complete lack of communication between those in charge and the athletes
27. Senator Angileri: this is all for enjoyment. Nobody has scholarships riding on their ability to play sports. Professional athletes, D1, D2, and Highschool athletes all get to play so why can't D3 kids play as well.
28. Sen Armstrong: Are there any members of sports staff that are backing this petition. Is there backing from coaches
29. Tommy: Due to the conversation that is happening behind closed doors our coaches have been instructed to not publicly support our cause even though they are in support.
30. Senator Angileri: the staff isn't allowed to publicly back us. They have given us some tools but they can't come out and give support.
31. Senator Golden: can you give me some feedback on who would be doing these regulations and the bubble method
32. Tommy: The Department of Public Health would be regulating it. Some of this might be based on honor code but that has already failed in other locations so we would be basing this on higher levels as opposed to our own honor code

33. Deanna: this might be a conversation with E-Board to talk about what is happening on campus with Covid 19 and Testing since we have students currently on campus. Tommy I will get your contact to Bruce
34. Senator Yamawaki: Tommy is your email the best way to get in contact with you?
35. Tommy: Tlyletem@poets.whitier.edu and yes that is the best way to get in contact with me
36. Senator Magana: would the regulations change based on the sport? Some teams have higher contact than others so would their regulations be higher
37. Tommy: Yes some of what we are proposing to the department of health would be based on that
38. President Eccles: I'm going to get straight to it. When we talked about this at the end of Last week we ran into a couple things. One we had time to reflect on the letsiciaplay movement as a whole but also our involvement. While we shared the post in the interest of remaining neutral to the student body, and while we still see that as being true, we think we did it in the wrong way. We should have stated that we were not endorsing this just sharing the info to students. But by posting it we also became actors in the movement, and while we're endorsing it, we were acting. This isn't the role of the ASWC or the eboard, especially since it isn't a whittier petition. The other part that is important for us is that this movement is a health and safety risk. While we understand you all want to play and have the right to try, we see the health and safety of our community as our priority before our students' right to play sports. I think that being for this movement as a senate goes against what we set out to do for our student body, and that there is a certain privilege that comes with playing sports during a pandemic. So with that being said, our role should be to only act as moderators in creating a neutral space for students to share their opinions and concerns with you all. This does mean that we will not be endorsing the petition and/ or movement and we won't be sharing any more posts on our story regarding letsiciaplay. I will work with the Advocacy Committee to provide a space or town hall in which students can come and get the info on the movement from yourself and other representatives and allow students to join and share their feedback too. This was a long message but I wanted to be honest with you about why we aren't able to endorse you as the ASWC Senate. It has nothing to do with your work or the movement but our ultimate alliance is to take care of the health and safety of our students and community. Feel free to reach out if you need more clarification.

39. Tommy: Yes I absolutely understand that and could students who are feeling differently or having reservations about all of this that they can contact me directly so that we can dispel any animosity that exists between those who don't agree with what is going on.

40. President Eccles: We want to make sure that the Senate is a place to have conversation that isn't just about endorsement and non endorsement but about creating a space that conversation can happen for the entirety of our student body. And I wanted to thank you for coming in.

41. VP Brost: Thank you so much for coming Tommy and to all of the athletes for speaking today to clarify this petition as many members of the student body were confused about what was going on.

B. MoP: We have to see if the student body is comfortable with engaging with the student body

1. Deanna: I can meet up with you later this week in order to discuss this with you

VII. **President's Message - *President Eccles***

- A. Good Evening everyone!
- B. I hope everyone has had a positive start to module 2, and that things are starting to settle into the new routine.
- C. Election day is tomorrow so I hope we are all able to participate in a healthy and safe way. While these may be tense times the most important thing is educating yourself and participating, not just until the end of the election but after as well. Regardless of the outcome there is always a need for political literacy and participation.
- D. We all received an email last week from President Linda Oubre that we will be continuing instruction online for the Spring Semester. While this isn't the news we hoped for, the health and safety of our students, staff, faculty and community are the most important. We must simply make the most of an unsatisfactory situation. There will always be those who continue to put out events, giveaways and more, and so I encourage all of our students to stop by and experience the work that your fellow students and student leaders are creating for you. We may be at home but we don't have to be alone.
- E. Lastly, I would like to present our Senator of the Month for October. While all of our senators are dedicated and hardworking, we have noticed a stand out who is constantly delivering even more than is needed. It's my pleasure to award Director Robinson with our Senator of the Month for October!
- F. Please continue to work hard in service of our students and our community.
- G. Thank you.

VIII. **Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada***

- A. General Fund Balance: \$57,396.08**
- B. Operational Account Balance: \$6,894.23**
- C. Reserve Account Balance: \$34,631.00**

- D. Allocated Thus Far: \$64,450.27**
- E. First Readings: \$0.00**
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$0.00**
- G. Media Council \$42,018.00**
- H. Program Board \$47,444.58**
- I. Related Accounts \$1,012.77**

IX. Constituent Reports

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

1. Awards

- a) Student Nomination: Faculty Commendations, students should use this form to nominate a faculty member.
 - (1) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe80STwCgTzqalZPYASTSDd6q1BvV7V9y3nEQwmj1YTHbEF4w/viewform>
- b) Faculty Nomination Form: Student Commendation in Academic Achievement and Engagement, Faculty members should use this form to nominate students.
 - (1) https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchGxX618go0-huPBV_BH3JdW3HSOM37g5VOpsOc_KhY7AexQ/viewform
- c) We will announce a Faculty member and student on Monday, November 16th.

2. Workshops happening:

- a) Intro to Online Library Research Workshop; 2 dates, for students Thursday, November 5, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
 - (1) Develop successful research skills using dubSearch, eBooks & databases
 - (2) Refine your keyword selections
 - (3) Learn how to store and organize search results
- b) Finding Peer Reviewed/Academic Online Sources Workshop; for students Thursday, November 19, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
 - (1) How to evaluate a peer reviewed source
- c) How to find academic sources on the Wardman Library's databases
 - (1) Finding peer reviewed sources on the web (Google Scholar, Academic.edu, Research Gate, etc.)
- d) Citations Workshop; for students
 - (1) Thursday, December 3, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
 - (2) The importance of citation and how to avoid plagiarism
 - (3) How to do in-text citation
 - (4) How to create a Works Cited/Reference page

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

- 1. Had first FCC meeting.



Decided to select secretary via appointment.

Decided on questions for FCC secretary application.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

1.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

1.

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

1. I will be hosting office hours for students to come in and talk about anything they would like to bring up

- a. Will be from 12-1 pm on Friday, Nov. 6
- b. meeting ID: 652 363 7763
- c. Password: senate
- d. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6523637763?pwd=RzVnTWI4WDIGUkRWRkC8vUHF0cnhUZz09>

- i. Open to all WC students
- ii. Will be reaching out to the veteran's resource center on campus to help get the word out to students as well as student disability services

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Weekly Check-Ins

- a) On my Instagram account @lyss.13

2. (Tuesday - Thursday)

- a) Question: Linda Oubre released a statement about the 2021 Spring Semester. How do you feel about it?

(1) "Feeling hopeless"

- (a) My response: "I totally understand how you're feeling. As much as I want to go back to campus, I understand that we are safer at home. This is hard, as long as we have each other to fall back on. Let me know if you need anything, I'm always here to talk."

(2) "Remote eh not horrible and tuition staying the same ❤️ love that"

- (a) My response: I'm so happy tuition is staying the same! People may be dealing with a lot of financial problems and I'm glad this is one less problem to worry about."

(3) "Sad that I don't get the full college experience I hoped for but understand the circumstances."

- (a) My response: I feel that 100%. As much as I want to go back to campus, I don't think it would be the same on campus with all the health regulations. I would want to stay home and wait until it's officially safe for all of us.

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

1.

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Falcon-Juengert*

1.

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

1.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki*

1. Afro Fusion Dance Team joined DC!

2. Module 1 feedback

a) For clubs:

(1) Had to adjust, but can still meet for the most part

(2) Hard to recruit and retain members

(3) Focus on planning events

b) As students:

c) Disappointed to miss out on learning b/c so much content cut

d) Adjustment to course work

e) Lot of reading

(1) >60 pgs a night = overwhelming

f) Fast paced

g) Professors really understanding and empathetic

3. Meeting times

a) Most clubs will likely change (TBD)

b) WLA: Tuesdays 4:30PM

c) MEChA: Mondays (sometime between 5-7)

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

1. Social media presence

a) Currently partnering with the Office of Equity and Inclusion to expand our social media presence and have a better reach with WC students during this online system

(1) First Instagram post was made on @wcforequity introducing executive board members

(2) Next Instagram post is scheduled for the end of the semester, around the first week of December that would highlight active and inactive clubs, encouraging students to register inactive clubs in the spring

2. Meetings

a) As of now we've decided not to do our regular monthly meetings seeing that the majority of our clubs are under new leadership & are getting accustomed to the module system we don't want overbear them with more information

b) We will be holding one mandatory meeting sometime right before Thanksgiving break, that would be over Zoom and would include the overall agenda for Spring 2021

3. Executive board meetings:

a) Next executive board meeting will be Monday November 9th.

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1.

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

1. We are beginning to recruit athletes to become a part of PSALA by going through coach and current council member recommendations. PSALA will be structured with an Exec board, known as the council, and the general participants who will be delegated responsibility and participate in events.

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

1. Hello,

2. I wanted to wait to send this report to see what developed over the weekend. We have many constituents working together towards a proposal to allow us to play athletics once more. There will be a representative of this movement at the meeting.

3. PSALA will be having our first meeting this Wednesday.

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

1.

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. I have emailed the MC President and QC Rep to set up a Zoom meeting on discussing what the Poet Commons are and if they have any of Senate's past bills, amendments, etc. This week, admin committee will be making sure that all of our documents are in PDF form to posted on the Poets Commons. We will also figure our structure on the Poet Commons.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Budget committee did not have any requests this week and did not meet. I just wanted 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 you are all having a good Monday slash a good start to your week and Module 2. Campus Relations will meet tomorrow at 4:30 PST, we will be going over the State of the Senate as

well as a brief outline of the Student Feedback Forum. So if you are not already on 2 committees and it works in your schedule we meet from 4:30-5:00 let me know and I can add you to the group chat. Also if at any time your committee or position has any flyer that you would like posted on the Senate Instagram please text me directly especially if it is something you would like posted multiple times a week. Another update on all things posted on the senate instagram aside from flyers from senators and whittier college re-post, I will be posting it in the slack for you all as senators to have about an hour or two to reply, ask questions and voice concerns. That's all for updates, continue killing it on the table y'all are doing amazing, also if you need any support don't hesitate to reach out.

2.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. The Elections committee will be finding a time to meet this module as everyone's schedules have changed.
2. I know that elections are tomorrow and this is a high stress time but I just want to encourage everyone to vote and to remain vigilant. I hope you all vote tomorrow and please share your photos on your story with your I Voted sticker if you have them and we will share it on ours as well with our voting graphics Director Royster has created. It is a part of our senate's job to lead by example and one of the ways to do that is to be civically engaged. In California there are 22 different Props up for vote. Please take a few minutes of your time before you go vote to read up on the different items you might be voting on!
3. Whittier Votes sent out an email earlier this week that has some great resources for voting as well so make sure to go back and check.
4. On another note I have been missing a number of constituent reports both last week and this week. Please make sure you keep sending in reports and letting us know how you are doing. So we can support you in any way necessary

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board is finalizing our November Care Package.
2. - We're working on our On-Campus and December Care Packages
3. We're going to be having an event tomorrow for Election Day for students to post selfies showing that they voted and we'll be doing a giveaway.

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. Advocacy didn't meet last week.

2. We will be meeting this week to talk about how to move forward regarding Club 88 and also on potentially creating a moderated space for student concerns about #LetSciacPlay and also to look at creating a system for SCIAC Student Body presidents/governments can interact and help each other.

G. Culinary- NA

- 1.

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

1. Updates:
 - a. Weekly meetings will be held for open forum if nay students have any questions, comments, or concerns if they did not have the chance to attend the Senate Meetings on Monday's
2. Ideas:
 - a. Instagram Live soon? Not sure what day or time
 - b. Attempt to hold a Zoom meeting every month with other senators (depending on the student engagement)
 - c. Create an incentive for students to come to meetings and engage with their Representatives and Senate overall
3. Idea:
 - a. Maybe we can get student artists to create something to giveaway as a prize to help promote their work...?

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. I finalized this committee to its entirety and sent an email out to all clubs and council treasurers about what this committee will consist of and take place.

J. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Hi everyone. Last week, the environmental committee was able to establish a posting schedule that should help us get moving for this second module. We also promoted FRN's Halloween themed sustainable tips on @aswc_enviro and will continue to work with them. Sustainability club hosts bi-weekly discussions/presentations on different environmental topics and invites anyone to lead so the committee is thinking one or a couple members could host one in the future since that's something folks were looking for in the google form. Thank you and hope you all have a great day!

XI. First Readings

- A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

- A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A.

XIV. Announcements

A. Veteran's Resource Center

1. We will be hosting a Veterans Day Celebration over the next week on the 9th and the 11th
2. We are encouraging everyone to post photos during the week using the hashtag #wcveteransweek to support our veterans

B. Francis: On the Emergency funds page, we can help with transportation, food, housing, traveling, and many other ways as well

C. Christine: My final pre monday elections info. Check out the email, and make sure that you are taking care of yourself and ask yourself the question of "what if it goes right" don't hold too much on your own shoulders. Voter help desk hours are extended and DOS hours are open

D. Senator D. Torres: The palmer society is doing a giveaway and you just have to tag the palmer society in your story with why you voted and your sticker

E. Restorative Justice Committee Student Representative

1. President Eccles: we are looking to get an application out on engage and have the positions decided on by the end of the week. We are finding out a lot about different committees that people are able to sit on. It is important that we fill these positions as quickly as possible
2. Christine: This aligns with a lot of the senate does and works towards. The College is asking two students to serve knowing how this has gone between the senate, other committees, and other ways. This committee is composed of different people and communities on campus so it has to have student representatives on it. The idea is to create restorative justice experts on campus to help rebuild community on campus after harm has been caused. We are working towards Tier 1 which is building community. And any other questions can go out to Sara Espinosa in the Dean of Students Office

XV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Falcone-Juengert

Second By: Sen. Magana

B. Time: 6:19pm

Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley, Secretary of the ASWC