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## Meeting Minutes for 10/6/2020

- I. Meeting is called to order at: 5:08**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE: Some people want it to happen some people wish it to happen others make it happen - Michael Jordan  
Read By: Sen. Iseri
- III. Mission Statement**

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. D. Torres
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Brost**

**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 Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Angileri, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana  
**Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Coco, Senator Garrison,  
**Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**

**Approved by:** Sen. Senator Armstrong  
**Seconded by:** Sen. Senator Benn
- VI. Public Voice**
  - A. Professor Gonzalez**
    1. Introductions as an advisor to senate and about Gil being a resource to the senate to answer any questions and help clarify questions that people have regarding academics and other areas
  - B. Gauthama’s Club**
    1. Introducing a new club on campus focused on social and community awareness

- a) Building out surveys to send to students about how students do and don't want to communicate on campus
  - b) Hosting discussions about the difficulties that students are facing on campus so they are able to receive support from other students
  - c) Trying to build a community and better facilitate communication that will exist well beyond COVID-19
  - d) Hosting conversations with club members and others to bring positive change to the community building that Whittier is known for
2. President Eccles: After going through the ICC and other proper channels we will continue to support you and would love to promote your club with any flyers you have.
  3. Senator Benn: Connection right now is a big deal because we are isolated, I have recently created an organization from the ground up with Deanna and Christine and I would love to help in any way you need, with paperwork or otherwise.
- C. Senator Armstrong: Brought up concerns regarding Title IX regulations not being updated
1. Deanna updated the table on how PEAP forms and the
- D. Motion to close the meeting Senator Armstornng**
- E. Seconded by Director Robinson**

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

- A. Good evening all! Things seem to be kicking into gear, and there are some really exciting things happening at Whittier from the comfort of your own home! In all seriousness I am really proud of the work that we have already put into our community in just a few short weeks. As you will hear about through the meeting and the week. Our own Senators Armstrong and Benn have planned a student town hall for this Thursday, details which have and will continue to be posted on the ASWC Senate's IG page. Please attend if you have the time. As chair of Advocacy committee there have been some recent issues that I want to shed some light on. To be fully transparent we have done our senate training differently this year and while it has been mostly positive so far I overlooked a really crucial part. I was so worried about what a semester online would look like I had assumed that issues related to Title IX and student safety wouldn't be as prominent without a large on-campus student population. For that I apologize. I understand that these issues are always important to be on-top of as they not only affect our small population of students on-campus but also affects our students at home through social media and any other forms of long distance communication. The first thing I would like to say is that as student leaders we are mandated reporters. All of us on the table. For those of you that don't know what this means or didn't even know you were one, this is another fault of mine.



Advocacy committee will be working with Lafayette Baker, our current Title IX coordinator to provide our student leaders on senate, members of our clubs and orgs and other student leaders on the new Title IX procedures once they are finalized. This brings me to my second point. We are only mandated reporters, not trained professionals. We will work with you all on how to address students who come to you with concerns, but until then, please refer this information to your pod leader, our advisors Deanna and Christine or go straight to Lafayette and email him at [lbaker@whittier.edu](mailto:lbaker@whittier.edu). Lafayette is the person who is trained to deal with issues related to Title IX. By reaching out to eboard or senates advisors we will be giving that information to Lafayette. It is the senates only job is report and educate on behalf of our students. I apologize again for not supporting the safety of our students to the best of our ability until now. Again, if you ever have any information regarding the safety of students, please reach out to anyone of us, so that we can get you to the right person to help with your issue. Secondly, executive board was fully aware of the BlackAtWhittier account over the summer. We had talked in length in one meeting about how we had wanted to deal with certain issues and trends we were seeing in the posts, not from a personal point of view but from a professional point of view. This means that we were only looking to see where we as students can impact and change our own student run systems. Throughout this year eboard will be working on redoing and updating our entire ASWC Constitution and By-laws. We will do this with the intent of smoothing out and simplifying our operation as an organization but also to review and remove any bias or language that may be too vague. However, we also believe that the administration must pledge to increase education and policies to protect its students, and that we will do whatever is necessary to make sure that students are in agreement and happy with those changes. If there are ever any arising issues that threaten any of our identities and groups of our community, please reach out to myself or attend an advocacy committee so that we can make your voices heard. Also, the Economic Crisis Committee is a committee run by Frances Romo of the Dean of Student Office and is the group that also run the Emergency Fund on campus. During the continuous tough times I want to remind everyone that if you are in need of emergency financial, housing or food, please reach out to myself, or Frances Romo at [fromo@whittier.edu](mailto:fromo@whittier.edu). There are also forms at the bottom of the for students page of My.Whittier. Lastly, I would like to end on a good note. I would like to award the Senator of the Month award for September. This month it is going to someone who got stuck into their role first week. Has reached out to their pod leaders and eboard for small and big problems, and has participated and shown enough school spirit online for 10 people. I'd like for everyone to congratulate Ashley Magana as our Senator of the Month. Enjoy the rest of your week everyone. If anyone ever needs to meet with me, please email me at my student email [jeccles@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:jeccles@poets.whittier.edu) to schedule a meeting.

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

The ASWC Senate and related accounts are pending so I'm hoping to get them to you all as soon.

-Senators will get paid \$50 each month for 3.5 months worth of work. It adds up to \$175 and you all will get paid on pay period 21 (October 9th) for \$100, pay period 23 (November 6th) for \$50, and pay period 25 (December 4th) for \$25

-I emailed Shawn McCown and John Hill about the Whittier College Student body census and if we have a concrete finalized number for it.

Senator Magana: Do we input our hours

Treasurer Estrada: It is a stipend that is \$50 a month so it does not require any hour input

### **Funds**

1. **General Fund Balance:** \$
2. **Operational Account Balance:** \$
3. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$
4. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$
5. **First Readings:** \$
6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$

## **IX. Constituent Reports**

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

1. Worked on creating a document that outlines what the Academic Affairs Council would like and what students would sit on this council.
2. I am thinking about making an Instagram for this position.
  - a) Would promote all Whittier College events but an emphasis would be put on Academic events or needs.
  - b) Departments could use this account to promote any events that they might be having.
  - c) Could maybe be used for events like Exploring Majors-CAAS puts on this event every year.
3. Will be meeting with Senator Yamawaki and Senator Benn

### **First-Year Class Council: *Sen.***

1. N/A

### **Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez***

4. N/A

### **Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana***

1. The water heater situation has been resolved and I do believe Bruce Smith has sent an email to maintenance about it. I talked to Lafayette with the title 9 situations and it will be taken care of by him. Thank you.

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

1. Update on IG post:

- a. Only 7 current WC students replied and 1 non WC student
  - b. 3 said “still struggling, but still optimistic”
  - c. 1 said “struggled at first, but quickly got the hang of it”
  - d. 2 said “I’m still struggling and I’m scared”
2. I will be reaching out to these students individually throughout the week to check up on them
  3. Spoke to Rep. D, Torres about what an instagram page looks for both of us as reps.

**Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong***

5. Worked on hosting the Town hall and all graphic images to share with the student body

**Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn***

6. After committing to the Campus Relations Committee and becoming co-chair of the Student Feedback Committee with Senator Armstrong, I'm looking forward to seeing where the work from this year will take all of us. While things are slightly strange communicating remotely, I feel prepared and even excited to face what's ahead of us this school year.
7. Next Thursday the Student Feedback Committee will be hosting a Town Hall on Zoom at 5pm and I'm looking forward to the discussion that will [hopefully] formulate during this session. Senator Armstrong and I are trying to circulate the flyer around as well as possible and I'm feeling hopeful that students will show up given the circumstances that have recently presented themselves.
8. Do emergency resources exist for housing for students who live off campus and are facing emergencies
9. What can we do for a resource guide or support discussion for those who have been living with the fires - a discussion on what would be best for students to provide for them

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

10. Hope y'all had a great/decent week. Below is my constituent report:
  - I have and will continue to promote the student feedback committee town hall
  - Planning to create a google submission form - will bring it up with other reps
  - I am brainstorming a systematic way to contact people personally (I'll either distribute it over a period of time, enlist other senators to help me)
  - I'm thinking of general questions to ask on my social media or in passing with my peers

*Responses to Student Expo Polls Last Week:*

19 responses: I tried to follow up with a conversation to check-in with people

- Some people didn't go because they were too busy
- A lot of people I talked to went for their own organizations
- There was some confusion surrounding Engage and RSVP-ing. Not being able to see the clubs before the time frame of the event [4:30-6:30pm] caused some confusion
- Generally, not knowing about Engage had an impact

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

1. The Inter-Club Council will be having its first meeting Wednesday 10/7 from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM. We are currently planning the agenda and look forward to working with the clubs this year.

**Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki***

11. 2nd week engagement expo
  - a) We started to get better hang of what to expect
  - b) There was a slightly larger turnout
12. Still working on a time for DC meetings that work with all of the reps
13. Women's Leadership Association general meeting on October 16th

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

14. N/A

**Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison***

15. VPS: A couple VPS members met with the Whittier Literacy Council, a non-profit organization that helps people read and write English to discuss a potential filming opportunity. The meetings went well and will continue to the next stage. This will be a great chance for students to engage with the community around them in a covid-Safe work environment. We also submitted for the Spanish Film Festival grant. This would take place virtually in March 2021 if approved.
16. QC: The QC is still in full publication - and our website is finally back to our original domain at [thequakercampus.org](http://thequakercampus.org). This week News editor Annalisse Galaviz and one of our newer writers Angélica Escobar did an amazing job in covering the presidential debate with heavy fact checking and analysis so we are really proud of them for pushing that in depth piece out on such a quick turnaround.
17. We have gained about 7 new staff members these past two weeks which has been really great for increasing our content production.
18. This upcoming week we have an exciting piece by Jackie Au where she's comparing the College's response and campus life during the 1918

pandemic to our current situations. Shes been working on it for a while doing research with the library so stay tuned for that one!

19. KPOET: After long trying time of getting HR approval, we finally have all employees on board!! We will be starting programming immediately. Our first Open Mic night of the year will be Oct 30th @ 6:30pm! Details about submitting videos for the Open Mic night video will be released soon! Our broadcast will be up and running soon, we needed to get equipment from the station to access our media remotely. Our website is currently under construction as well.

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

20. PSALAs executive board is beginning to meet weekly to discuss plans and goals moving forward with the club. As of now, we are discussing ways to bring more community to not only the athletes but between athletes and nonathletes. Otherwise, there is not much else going on without being on campus and having sports active.

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

21. N/A

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

22. N/A

**X. Committee Reports**

**Administrative –*Vice President Brost***

1. Administrative Committee did not meet this week because of scheduling problems but we will be meeting next week!
2. I emailed the library in regards to archiving through them. I got in contact with David and he informed me about the Poets Commons. I am new to this database, but it seems to be exactly what we are looking for! I am waiting to hear back from him to schedule a time where we could meet via zoom to discuss this option further.
3. Lastly, I was looking at Engage under the "bills and amendments proposed/signed" tab and noticed that we do not have that many bills in folders under that tab. There are four folders that date back only to 2016, and there aren't very many bills in each of the folders. I know that my first year, 2018-2019, many bills and amendments were proposed & passed. So I am wondering if the years before me didn't have as many bills and amendments that were proposed & passed, or if we lost a lot of them when the college switched over the Engage. So admin committee will also be looking at meeting minutes in the upcoming weeks to try to find any lost bills or amendments.

**Budget- *Treasurer Estrada***

4. 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

**Campus Relations- *Director Royster***

1. Good Evening Yall, So quick updates. Number one first question that I need you all to answer right now in the chat. Did you get your packages? Number two: I created new Instagram Highlight covers so if you would like please go check those out, I really like how they turned out and I think the insta page really looks cohesive now. Number three: If you do not know well you know now, we do have senators/senators of the month. So I created a cute little frame/background for the picture of the senators of the month to be posted on our instagram stories/highlight. Congratulations Ashley please send me a vertical photo of yourself for the Senate Instagram, and look forward to receiving your Campus Relations is meeting asynchronously right now because sadly none of our schedules were able to meet together. So therefore the ability to be a part of the Campus Relations Committee is a little bit more available for busy schedules now. Also all talk on Wellness Center Individual who reach out. That's all at the moment, and I hope you all are having a good week so far, and if not tomorrow is a new day and if you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Elections- *Secretary Beasley***

5. Elections Committee did not meet this past week but we will meet again at our normal time at 8:30-9:30am Thursday Morning
6. The First Year class council elections timeline has been extended and altered to a final timeline where meetings were had with candidates last week with Vice President Brost and Director Royster
7. The debates will be held on October 12th and Elections will be held from 8am to 8pm on the 13th and the winners announced via ASWC senate instagram account on the 14th
8. Whittier Votes has a few members who are interested in doing a watch party follow up and educational session about various different issues that have come up surrounding the presidential debates, and the various issues that have subsequently been brought forth afterwards. They are interested in working with faculty member, Professor Angevine, and maybe other poli sci professors as well and hope to create a way to facilitate a panel discussion with other faculty members. They do not have any individuals or group members who are prepared to facilitate or work on this project.

- a) If anyone is interested in helping with this project, has ideas, or wants to get connected with the individuals who are interested in putting on this event please reach out to me so I can get you connected.
- 9. Vice President Brost: The Political Science Department has set up a discussion with Minors and Majors about politics and I can get you the information to connect the two groups

**Program Board – Director Robinson**

- 10. Program Board's Welcome Back Week was successful!
- 11. - We're finalizing our October Care Package and will be allowing students to sign up for their own care package by next week.
- 12. - We're still working on our movie nights and are asking students which movies they'd like to see us screen.

**13.**

**Advocacy- President Eccles**

- 14. First meeting,
  - a) talked about the 2020 grad situation with a mural and brick path commemorations.
  - b) Talked about 2021 cultural grads and the possibility of splitting funding with the president's office. Talked with Lafayette about a meeting with senate and clubs and orgs about new Title IX updates and also training on being a mandated reporter.

**Culinary-**

15. N/A

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

- 1. Module 1 Schedule
  - a. Bi weekly // Monday @12:20 pm-1:30pm
- 2. Goals
  - a. Be a voice for WC students
  - b. Represent the Student body
- 3. Town Hall
  - a. Thursday, October 8th @ 5pm
  - b. Emailed to Ana Lilia by Thursday @ 5pm
  - c. Emailed WCTheRock for #What'sUpMondays post by wednesday
  - d. After posting flyer for Town Hall: I got many reposts and support from other Constituents
- 4. Ideas

- a. Attempt to hold a zoom meeting every month with other senators (depending on the student engagement)
  - i. Create an incentive for students to come to meetings and engage with their representatives and senate overall
    1. Idea: maybe we can get student artists to create something to give away as a prize to help promote their work (?)

**Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada***

1. So far what I have planned is meeting with all the club treasurer's monthly. For example I would meet with 1 group of 8-9 treasurers each week and help them with anything such as how to file a budget request, managing finances, etc. I need to still structure this committee to its entirety and as soon as I get it up and running I will let you all know.

**Environmental- *Sen. Golden***

16. Hey everyone, the environmental committee held our second meeting last week and thank you to those who could make it. As a reminder, meetings are every Thursday at 12:30pm PST. We decided on our first two posts and are still in the process of creating a posting schedule to keep on track. If you're interested in joining please reach out to me at [ngolden@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:ngolden@poets.whittier.edu). Also, please follow @aswc\_enviro if you haven't already to stay up to date with us about meetings and posts. Thank you and hope you all have a great day!

**XI. First Readings**

**XII. Daily Calendar Considerations**

**XIII. Misc. Business**

**XIV. Announcements**

- A. Christine Hernandez: National Voter Registration Week, OSE has been posting information and encouraging us. Please stay engaged and encourage others. I am willing to donate two dominos gift cards to a group to are willing to host a vote at home party and educate themselves!
  1. Please make sure you are including your meetings in the Senate on Engage. If you have a meeting, a weekly a bi-weekly meeting or anything else it is pertinent to the transparency of the senate table
- B. Senator Falcone-Juengert: I think it is important that we have a discussion about what it means to be responsive and proactive when it comes to things on social

media. And making the E-Board meeting minutes from those conversations that happened this summer

1. President Eccles: That conversation would be important and our meeting minutes were more about overall trends to what was happening on campus, and the more we have conversations with each other the better connected we will be. Just because the posts on Black at Whittier have stopped does not mean that the problem has been solved
2. Deanna: The bias response team has been working all summer to have training for the faculty and staff and organizations. We would love to have everyone involved in those training sessions. I am including a link to that website in our chat and we would love to have you involved as we discuss what advocacy looks like moving forward.
3. Senator Torres: The Palmer Society is having a voting party on their instagram live
4. Vice President Brost: We are going to do an icebreaker today!
  - a) The senators participated in an icebreaker sharing their lockscreens

**XV. Adjournment**

**Motioned By:** Sen. Lopez

**Second By:** Sen. D. Torres

**Time:** 6:48

**Respectfully Submitted by Lauren Beasley, Secretary of the ASWC**