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Meeting Minutes for 10/20/2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:04**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Sen. Iseri
- 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. Golden
- IV. **Roll Call – Director Royster**
 - 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 Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana, Senator Waldorf
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Perez, Senator Garrison,
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Falcon
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Lopez
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A.
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Eccles***
 - A. Good evening all!
 - B. Our first module is coming to an end and I guess that symbolizes the half way point of the semester. I know that many of us have felt the stress of a full semester over just the last few weeks. So please make sure you rest and relax as much as you can over this slightly longer weekend.

- C. We are still available if you have questions or concerns, so please reach out to myself or Eboard if you need us.
- D. Continue to study hard, work selflessly and good luck on your finals!

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:**
- B. Operational Account Balance:**
- C. Reserve Account Balance: \$**
- D. Allocated Thus Far: \$**
- E. First Readings: \$**
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$**
 - 1. Sen Iseri: How do clubs access their funds?
 - a) Treasurer Estrada: They can reach out to me and I can work with them to figure it all out.

IX. Constituent Reports

- A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. D. Torres***
 - 1. I met with CAAS and we spoke about feedback that we have heard from students regarding the module system and what students need right now.
 - 2. -CAAS will later be attending a Senate meeting to provide some helpful resources and information.
- B. First-Year Class Council: *Sen. Waldorf***
 - 1. Meeting to come
- C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez***
 - 1.
- D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana***
 - 1. Due to the holidays coming up, Program Board and I are planning to do a catering event and drop off food to the students (with processing COVID regulations)
 - 2. I recently made a survey and collaborated with PB Director Robinson and its asking questions regarding personal favorites and any dietary restrictions.
 - 3. I also sent an email to Reslife to see if the number of students to get an approximation.
 - 4. I also sent in an email to Bruce about some res students' concerns over Wifi because finals are coming up as well.
- E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. J. Torres***
 - 1.
- F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong***
 - 1. Weekly Check-Ins

- a) On my Instagram account @lyss.13
2. Weekly Check-in: 10/13-14/20 (Tuesday & Wednesday)
 - a) Question: WC Students: As Module 1 is coming to a close, I wanted to do a self care check-in...
 - (1) Have you taken time for yourself in Module 1?
 - (a) “If by time you mean skip class here and there because I’m exhausted then yes”
 - (2) What are some ways you de-stress?
 - (a) “Art”
 - (b) “Crochet! Helps keep my mind and hands off of school work!”
 - (c) “Meditat, stretch, paint, or go for a walk”
3. Student Issues:
 - a) Another senator directed a constituent to me to discuss a curriculum issue with a professor of theirs
 - (1) I will be in contact with these 5 students (some graduates & some current students)
 - (2) This issue is involving a professor and their Latin American Studies Course and how they aren’t involving the history of indigenous peoples into their curriculum
 - (3) I will be contacting the 5 students this weekend and early next week (week of
 - b) 10/18) to discuss a plan:
 - (1) Will be in touch with Senator D. Torres to provide this information involving Academic Affairs and relay it to Sal Johnston
4. Sen. Armstrong: A constituent reached out to me, about credit no credit, I was wondering if anyone else had the same issue. Please reach out to me if you have experienced this as well. If you have anything negative or positive about how professors handled this first module. I didn't know that this was an issue, and I wanted to bring this to the attention of everyone. If you ever want to have a meeting let me know.
 - a) Gil Gonzales: I just want to let you know that I am a resource, if you need me to help for resources or anything, I can be a filter before we go to the dean, a lot of these time decisions can escalate. I can promote advocacy for students ahead of time.
 - b) Sen Magana: I wanted to know if it would be okay if I could send your email or senator D. Torres contact information to other students whom I know are dealing with this.



(1) Sen Armstrong: Go ahead that sounds great!!

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

- 1.

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

1. I want to talk to the student feedback committee about creating Module 2 goals for our roles (specifically as student reps), how to contact students, and potential events we can host
2. I'm also hoping to follow up and form an action plan or steps we can take with the feedback we got from the town hall
3. I'm going to introduce the idea of creating a systematic way to message students individually to the other reps.
 - a) Possibly create a general template that we can refer to when reaching out/checking in

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

1. The ICC eboard will be meeting this week to brainstorm ways to help clubs with student engagement, and figure out ways to keep thorough communication with the clubs.
2. The ICC full body will be meeting next week October 28th from 5:00-6:00PM.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki*

1. First DC meeting was on Thursday, 10/15
 - a) Meeting bi-weekly
 - b) Day may change for module 2
2. Club meeting times/events
 - a) JSU
 - (1) Tuesdays 5PM (PST)
 - (2) Biweekly
 - b) UIPN
 - (1) TBD
 - c) CRU
 - (1) Women's bible study: Mondays 5:00 (PST)
 - (2) Co-ed bible study: Tuesdays 12:30 (PST)
 - (3) Weekly meetings: Thursdays 5:00 (PST)
 - d) TOBGLAD
 - (1) Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 (PST)
 - (2) Discussion abt drag
 - (a) Oct 26



(b) Drag show

(c) Oct 30th

e) MEChA

- (1) Fridays 2:00-3:00 PM (PST)
- (2) Dia de los muertos care packages
- (3) RSVP on engage
- (4) Collab to prompt virtual alter?
- (5) Promote diff social movements
- (6) Reach out: lyerenaa@poets.whittier.edu

f) Hawaii Club

- (1) TBD

g) WLA

- (1) Mondays 4:30
- (2) Oct 22

h) Talk abt diff propositions in upcoming elections

3. General consensus that recruitment and getting students to come back for meetings has
 - a) been difficult
 - b) Leaning on social media a lot to reach out
 - c) Lost returning members b/c students transferred

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

1. N/A

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

- 1.

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

1. Reaching out through PSALA of potentially creating a program where teams are in a 'buddy' system.
 - a) This would mean attending each other's games and showing more support across the Poet's athletic community.
 - b) This will be talked about more and implemented once COVID regulations are set and the sports resume.

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

- 1.

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

1. Met with Deanna (ISC Rep weekly meeting)
2. Reviewing the ISC Constitution starting this Saturday with other ISC Reps

3. Re-organize ISC
4. Leadership training and planning for academic year 2021-20221
5. Alumni involvement in societies for those with limited active members
6. Discord is finally ready and have made that transition

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. The Administrative Committee did not meet this week due to finals. I will be messaging those in the committee either this weekend or next week to discuss keeping our scheduled meeting time or changing it due to the new Module system. Please do let me know if you are interested in joining the administrative committee! We always have room for more!
Good luck on finals everyone!

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Last week the budget committee met and funded MEChA \$700 for their Dia De Los Muertos care packages.
2. I just wanted to remind everyone that the 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 everyone is having and okay finals week, just remember it's almost over. I also hope all of you are excited for the new module to start and I wish you the best in your new classes. So moving onto updates I'm sure you all saw the message in the Slack but if you did not I wanted to let you know that Senate Meetings starting next monday will occur on Monday at 5:00 and end at 6:45 this will be the time going forward for the remainder of Module 2. The moment that I get word that everyone has registered for their Spring Module Classes I will ask that you send those to me so that we can find a senate time for everyone. Campus Relations Committee will be moving to in person meetings weekly from now on. Which will take place on Tuesdays at 4:30-5:00 PST. The first order of business that we will be going over is the State of the Senate which looking based off of time i'm hoping for around mid-late november if not sooner. Update on the email that I said Eboard was sending out to Admin, that email was sent out last Thursday and so far we have one confirmed attendee for the Eboard Meeting on Wednesday. Other than that I'm happy all yall are here and i'm very proud and excited to see you all working so diligently to create change on our campus. Don't give up the hard work.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. Hello everyone I hope you are having a good evening and that finals are going great for you.
2. I wanted everyone to welcome Natasha as the FCC President and say elections were a success and the FCC is hoping to have their first meeting sometime next week
3. At our elections committee meeting we reviewed elections and discussed the ways to increase engagement with online voting and campaigning in the spring elections since it is likely the majority of the student populace will still be online
 - a) A suggestion of platform videos, more interactive campaigning allowances and various different ways to connect with the student body were brought up and will be discussed at length in future months.
4. We also discussed the elections code and will be doing a first draft round of edits on the current code this Thursday as a part of the overarching theme to redo all of our governing documents throughout the remainder of this school year to better align our bylaws and codes to what senate stands for today.
5. We also came up with a game plan for a set of civic engagement 101 videos that we will be putting together and releasing as a series in the coming weeks across the ASWC's various platforms.
6. There will be a series of posts going up on WCTheRock starting at the end of this week throughout the rest of the Nov. 3 election that I will be working on to promote voter engagement and information needed to vote in this year's presidential elections
7. I also wanted to thank everyone for sending in such great constituent reports. I am not sure how many people beside myself read the minutes but you all are doing some amazing work and I wanted to recognize that the effort you are putting into your roles is recognized
 - a) Starting Module 2 there will be a video going up each week (the platform and mode is still undecided) that will break down the meeting minutes into the most important and digestible parts
 - (1) This will hopefully allow students and the student body to have a better understanding of what is going on in our meetings and how they can get involved if they want to.

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. October Care Packages will be mailed out this week
2. - November Care Packages are in the works

3. - We just had our first Make-it-Wednesday event last week so look out for that event every Wednesday
4. - We collaborated with MEChA on their Día de los Muertos care package event and we hope those of you that signed up enjoy your care packages
5. - We're working on creating a care package for on-campus students

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. Advocacy Committee didn't meet synchronously last week but we will be meeting this Thursday to further discuss our questions for our potential club 88 refurbishment survey.
2. Thursday at 4:30pm (PST)
3. Title IX with LaFayette

G. Culinary-

- 1.

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

1. Updates:
 - a. We want to plan another event soon
 - b. Possibly talking about study tips, module 2 goal setting, etc.
 - i. Use an money incentive to gather a larger audience
 - c. Instagram Live idea for more engagement with students because Zoom Burnout is a very real thing right now
 - d. At the senate meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 13), Director Royster offered the SFC the opportunity to have a Instagram Live on the ASWC Instagram account
 - e. Gil Gonzalez has offered to be a resource for the SFC
2. Ideas:
 - a. Attempt to hold a Zoom meeting every month with other senators (depending on the student engagement)
 - b. Create an incentive for students to come to meetings and engage with their Representatives and Senate overall
 - c. Idea: 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'm still finalizing this committee to its entirety, but will send an email out this week to all clubs and council treasurers about what this committee will consist of and take place.

J. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Hello everyone, good luck to you all with getting through this final stretch of the module!

2. Last week the environmental committee was able to start a final list of topics for @aswc_enviro and we're beginning to map how we want it to look.
 - a) We also got some really good feedback from our google form so we will be taking that and seeing how we can apply all of the suggestions to the committee.
 - b) We also want to highlight more sustainable clubs and orgs so we contacted WC's Food Recovery Network to get that going, but we'd love to create more ongoing unity across the college for environmental initiatives. Thank you, and hope you're staying safe and healthy.

XI. First Readings

A.

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A.

XIII. Misc. Business

A.

XIV. Announcements

- A. D. Torres: CAAS if you would like to get a little ahead before Module 2 starts, if you're looking for tutors, here is her info. Alondra Morales
amorale2@whittier.edu
- B. Christine Hernandez: How many votes have been returned in the state of California? 4 million. Thank you to all organizations on campus who have helped with voter education. If you want to ask those questions; drop in and ask those questions. We just want to give you the information.
- C. Civic Engagement Meeting
 1. Secretary Beasley: N/A

XV. We are now moving onto a Senate Table Ice Breaker

XVI. Adjournment

- A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Falcon-Juengert
- B. **Second By:** Dir. Robinson
- C. **Time: 5:45**

Respectfully Submitted by Tori Royster, Campus Relations Director of the ASWC