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Meeting Minutes for 10/26/2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:06**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Sen. Yamawaki
- 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. J. Torres
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. **Present:** President Eccles, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Director Robinson, Senator Falcon-Juengert, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Magana, Senator Lopez, Senator J Torres, Senator Perrez, Senator D Torres, Senator Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Angileri, Senator Coco, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana, Senator Waldorf
 - B. **Absent excused:**
 - C. **Unexcused:** Secretary Beasley, Senator Garrison
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen.D. Torres
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Saldana
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. **Miguel Juerta**
 1. Students can make appointments with any of us at any time, whether it be module to module, if you have any questions or concerns we can help you and guide you through that process.
 2. We can hand you off to the appropriate resources depending on your specific networks
 - a) Alondra Morales - associate director in CAAS and oversee the tutoring program

3. Tutoring hours
 - a) They are through zoom, and it is complet available for students to see it. I can post the link in the chat box, it is also on the moodle landing page as well as in the Poet Updates.
 - b) If you have any students that need the support please do have them reach out to myself or show them these available resources for tutoring needs and more.
 - c) All services are free.
 - d) We are here to help anytime you need it.

B. Member from Public: How students are able to connect, and knowing how community engagement is low, and we need to express a lot of issues, and seek people's point of view and see how comfortable others feel about communicating through the internet. I think its extremely important for us to look at engagement.

1. Senator Benn; I wanted to take the time to acknowledge and thank you for coming as a freshman, and bringing it to the table to start something and I'm extremely proud of you.
2. Senator Armstrong: On behalf of student engagement, I will have a forum for students to fill out after they come to an event via OSE, so that we can get automatic feedback from students. That could help students connect better and ensure the engagement of students.
3. Sen Waldorf: A way for students and contact info; so that students can reach out and make those connections outside of class. As well as having freshmen joining with upperclassmen.
4. Chemistry Happy Hour; will be happening for students to come and get to know one another.

VII. President's Message - *President Eccles*

A. I hope everyone enjoyed their weekends. For students I hope that extra day we got was a little help in preparing us for Module 2 and that you all are happy with the way your classes and finals went. There is still lots of work to be done. I know that motivation is lower than usual and circumstances make it harder for us to interact and reach out to students but that doesn't mean we shouldn't. Whether your hard work is noticed and/or appreciated, it definitely is. On another note. While the time to mail in ballots is over, there is still the opportunity to vote in person. Please remember and remind others to be as safe as possible when doing so. While getting votes in is important, making sure we are staying safe and healthy is important too. I wish all of our students, professors and staff a great module 2 and I can't wait to see the results of everyone's hard work!

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

IX. Constituent Reports

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

1. I am working on the logistics behind a social media account to highlight departments on campus.
2. For students: Please be sure to communicate with your professors about how you are doing in the module, ask questions, and communicate concerns that you may have. I know it can be scary or hard to reach out, but it is important that you are able to advocate for yourself. No one knows exactly how you are feeling or what you need, as you do.

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

1. Set goals
 - a) FCC only instagram account
 - b) Start Remind Text
 - c) Engage Bimonthly email update
 - d) Mentorship Program
 - e) Survey of student information (sent to other first years)
 - f) Survey of wants for FCC
2. Set weekly meeting time
 - a) Thursday's at 4:30pm

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

1. Constituents finished finals and said that they are nervous about the school not giving updates on next semester, they feel as if things are last minute. They also want to know if school is getting feedback on the module system. They want to know if they will reconsider for the spring semester.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

1. I was reached out by a constituent that the module system wasn't allowing them to work and that the student felt as if they were not learning the same information they would in person.
2. This was also brought up in a class of mine when the professor asked us how our module has been going.
3. Students feel that the module system is affecting how much information they can process at a time.

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

1. had one on one conversations with students about the module system

- a. gave students that did reach out organization tips as well as tools to help with time management
- b. using an excel sheet to organize due dates
- c. use "free college schedule maker" to help with time management

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Weekly Check-in: 10/13-14/20 (Tuesday & Wednesday)
 - a) Question: WC Students: did anyone get sleep this week for finals?
 - b) REMINDER: evals
 - c) Question: Did you know you can track your ballot?
2. Student Issues:
 - a) I have contacted with the 5 students and am awaiting to discuss a plan
 - (1) Another senator directed a constituent to me to discuss a curriculum issue with a professor of theirs
 - (2) I will be in contact with these 5 students (some graduates & some current students)
 - (a) 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
 - (b) Will be in touch with Senator D. Torres to provide this information involving Academic Affairs and relay it to Sal Johnston
 - b) A constituent reached out to me regarding the deadline for Credit/No Credit option and how they didn't have a chance to decide whether or not they wanted to make the option because their professor did not input their grade until AFTER the deadline which was October 9th
 - (1) In contact Academic Affairs Representative D Torres
 - (2) We also wanted to know if there is any positive or negative feedback on how any of your professors handled the first module

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

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

1. I was able to talk to some of my constituents and they said they were glad fall module 1 was done. One of them said she had homework/reading due for the first day of classes for module 2.

2. I encouraged students to provide feedback on the module system through course evaluations on my personal social media and let them know they could talk to me
3. I am going to try to layout a skeleton of the social media scavenger hunt idea I had so I can team up with someone and get it going

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

1. Last week the ICC e-board met to solidify plans for our next ICC meeting. The eboard is trying out pods, with the ICC members, to help communicate more effectively.
2. Our upcoming ICC will be meeting this Wednesday, 10/28, at 5pm on zoom.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawacki*

1. DC chairs will be meeting with Jenny Guerra
2. WLA event w/ TOBGLAD ◦ Discussing election, debates and info on CA props ◦ Oct 27th @ 4:30PM
3. Sociology & Anth departments: Transnational Justice: How Filipino Communities are organizing during the pandemic & fighting against injustice in the US and Philippines ◦ Tues Oct 27th @ 11AM (PST)
4. OEI: brotherhood kickback ◦ Space for men of color ◦ Oct 26 3-4 PST
5. Poet Pride Drag Show ◦ Fri, Oct 30 @ 6PM

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

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L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. Qc: QC- still in daily publication!! we actually just published a senior spotlight on Kole from ASWC if you want to plug that. This week we winding up and planning for how to attack the presidential election coverage, though we've been covering different Props and issues throughout the past month! We are focusing on staying informative and resourceful for our readership during this time.
2. KPOET: we are going to start our broadcast this week!! In addition to having album reviews, our open mic is this week! We have a new General Manager, Kat Garrison since the previous one stepped down from her position to pursue an internship. The website should be up and running this week.
3. VPS: talking to seniors about recruiting for senior movie productions in the works.

4. WCSN: updating YouTube videos of alumni and homingcoming game highlights with esports club.
5. Poet Ent: weekly meetings with the OSE to help other orgs

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

1. Our next council PSALA meeting is tonight and our first PSALA meeting is this Wednesday at 8:00 pm.
2. We are establishing more contact with coaches and setting up regular meeting times this week and following to start building up the program.

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

- 1.

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Tuesdays @ 2:00pm

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. 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, and happy monday!!! I hope you all are having a good start to your Module 2. So Campus Relations will meet on Tuesdays 4:30-5:00. Starting tomorrow we will be working on planning the state of the senate, the student feedback forum, and some new gear coming soon. Update on the meeting with the administration, watch out because this is a lot of info but this can be found on the agenda after so no worries.
2. **Addressing Mental Health**
 - a. What is going to be happening with the "increased" mental health awareness and how can we help/ how can ASWC get involved?
 - b. The wellness calendar with the Counseling Center. A variety of programs are occurring, it would be great to point as many students as possible to those.
 - i. Director Royster will be putting together a graphic to be posted via the ASWC Social Media to get this resource to students quicker.
 - c. CARE Counselors and Poet Early alert

- d. We now have CARE Coaches, working on preventative care, rebranding the website from PEAP to CARE
- e. Destigmatizing mental health and normalize what it looks like and how to care of yourself
 - i. I reached out to Marysol to invite her to a Senate Meeting

3. POET Updates

- a. Sensing a pattern with the email or the lack thereof students reading them.
- b. Begin work on two things; find another avenue to communicate with students the details of the poet updates.
 - i. Director Royster: Can work on formatting the POET Updates to social media format and post them, and or a graphic can be posted when a POET Update goes out to check your email.
 - ii. Secretary Beasley: Receiving a physical piece of mail is something that many students would appreciate.

4. The Module System

- a. How are we going to address the module system for students with a lack of information about the system?
- b. Work to frame this situation as positively as possible.
- c. The module system was done to create an environment where we would be back in person. How do we begin to reframe this and get individuals to stop looking at it from a negative lens?.

5. Housing in the Spring

- a. Encourage students to read the emails that we send
- b. Students don't know who you go to so they come to us as Senate.
 - i. Secretary Beasley; work on demystifying the administration
 - ii. President Eccles; work on making sure the whole system that is already in place is streamlined.

6. Title IX Training for the Senate Table

- a. Set up a meeting time with Lafayette that also works for the Senate Table to allow for mandatory Title IX training for senators.

7. I do have a question for you all, any feedback from Module 1 this is the time now for you to voice your feedback about your experience during Module 1.

- a. Sen Armstrong: Professor Brandon Koya (pre-calc) he structured his class as a flipped classroom. Lectures for homework and then the next day in class it wasn't a mandatory zoom call, but you

could do classwork problems. You could ask the questions. Study pod with other students worked for me. Flipped classroom was extremely successful in my eyes.

- b. Members from the public liked the flexibility that the module system provides for students. Because it went extremely fast it was very hard to keep up with because they were rushed.
 - c. Senator Saldana; asynchronous lectures very accommodating for those who were working; lack of student involvement in the decision making process for the module. The stress of Senior Sem during modules
 - d. President Eccles: The module system was there to get back on campus, and with state law it prohibited the ability to be on campus. Coming to the ability to improve moving forward is a very big thing to focus on, because the ability we have to fix it and make it more tolerable for students. As student leaders make the best of the circumstances that we are currently looking at.
 - e. Vice President Brost; The purpose of the module system was to bring students back to campus and to keep students safe.
 - f. Senator Benn; Professor Mendez he rocked that course, everyone participated and kept it as an open discussion. My really low low was my inability to get the help I needed via IT and moving forward.
 - g. Senator Magana: $\frac{2}{3}$ went pretty well, kept us engaged no matter the circumstance we were able to stay engaged as a class. For BioChem I do not feel that I learned the best with what I was given.
 - h. Senator Perez: I have had negative experiences with the Module. One thing that may have not been thought of is that we are in a pandemic and students that have jobs meeting everyday are very hard for students that have 2-3 jobs. How are we holding faculty accountable for being helpful with students.
8. That is all that I have for now, thank you very much. Keep working hard and I look forward to seeing all that this table has to accomplish this year.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. The Elections committee did not meet last week due to finals.
2. We will continue to work on the same projects this week that we were previously working on for finals!

3. Please make sure you are doing everything you can to encourage others and yourself to vote. We are about to be on elections week!

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board mailed out our October Care Package last week.
2. We're working on our November Care Package and On-Campus students Care Package.
3. We're currently finalizing our new meeting time for Module 2 and once we do, I'll post it on our Engage.

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. Advocacy didn't meet, but we shared our draft survey questions about club 88 with Bruce. We will be working on sending out the final draft of our survey to Bruce, Christine and our Media Council Rep to get their approvals as well before we get in contact with communications and work on sending that survey out.

G. Culinary

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

1. Updates:
 - a. We want to plan another event soon
 - b. Possibly about study tips, module 2 goal setting, etc.
 - c. Use a money incentive to gather a larger audience
 - d. Instagram Live idea for more engagement with students because Zoom Burnout is a thing
 - e. 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
 - f. 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. Hey everyone, hope the first day of the second module went well! Last week, enviro committee did not meet synchronously due to finals but we were able to get in contact with the FRN and they really like the idea of cross-promoting so we'll continue to work with them on that. Also a lot of folks on our google form were interested in virtual events as well as bringing awareness to issues on campus so maybe that's something we can collaborate with clubs on moving forward. Other than that, hope you have a great rest of your week. Thanks!

XI. First Readings

A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. N/A

XIV. Announcements

- A. Sen Armstrong; Credit/No Credit what can be done next steps. Gi Gonzalez and Sal Johnston sent an email to faculty to keep our students updated and ensure communication with students is put as a number one priority.
- B. Sen D. Torres: A way to highlight Professors and students, I will be working with Gil to nominate individuals who have been doing a great job with the module system.
- C. Sen Yamawaki: WLA collab with TOBEGlad tomorrow at 4:30 all information on the WLA instagram. The transitional justice how the phillipino community is working in support this will be happening tomorrow at 11:00
- D. Deanna Merino Contino: Please reach out to me for any support that you need or have any questions on.
- E. Christine Hernandez : In the next 24 hours turn off all your devices and take the time for yourself. Were in a new module and we are here to support you.

XV. Adjournment

A. **Motioned By:** Sen.Saldana

Second By: Sen. J.Torres

B. **Time:** 6:05

Respectfully Submitted by Tori Marie Royster, Director of the ASWC