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## Meeting Minutes for 3/15/21

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:03 pm**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
  - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Senator 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: Senator Coco
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Beasley**
  - A. **Present:** Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Director Robinson, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Beyene-Martin, Senator Lopez, Senator J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Iseri, Senator Yamawaki,, Senator Coco, Senator Angileri, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana, Senator Waldorf , Senator Magana
  - B. **Absent excused:** President Eccles, Treasurer Estrada, Director Robinson
  - C. **Unexcused:** Senator Garrison, Senator Perez
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - A. **Approved by: Sen. Saldana**
  - B. **Seconded by: Senator Magana**
- VI. **Public Voice**
  - A. Ann and Lafayette
    1. Dr. K introduces herself an Anthropology professor who has been at the college since 2006 and has recently been appointed as the Gender Equity Coordinator and has had a soft introduction to her role this spring
    2. Lafayette introduces himself as the Title IX coordinator and says the goal of his work today is to help clarify and set the groundwork for understanding what is happening with these positions.

3. Vice President Brost: I have a quick question regarding the gender equity bill that was passed two years ago and we wanted to ask how that implementation is coming along
4. Bruce: I am currently one of the individuals heading the Gender Equity Task Force - that work was interrupted last year during COVID, we did about a half year's work and we first started by creating Ann's position and filling in some staff roles. Ann can continue with what she is working on.
5. Dr. K: I have had two listening sessions with folks about gender and equity issues that they have found at the college next week. I will have started a "gender equity chat" that can be one on one or group sessions with me. I am also working on a guidance document that I am authoring regarding sharing and using pronouns on campus. The second thing has to do with names, you might be aware that you can use your name on moodle and email and that name doesn't transfer to other campus offices. Most campus offices use only legal names through a program called Banner. I want to implement the program so that no legal names but preferred names are used so there is a campus wide policy surrounding name usage. A little about me I am a non transitioning trans who is non binary who still uses She/her so I have some experience regarding gender and direction. In the fall I am going to get some teaching release so I can better work in this position where I will get a student position, training for faculty and staff, as well as working to address issues on campus.
6. Sen. Saldana: I just wanted to thank both of you for coming today my question is for Dr. K is how senators can help serve you and help you. Is there any committee that we can work on or help you form to support you in this position.
7. Dr. K: Students unlike faculty have organizations but are also already organized in a way that the faculty aren't. There are a lot of committees in the faculty but we don't have a lot of coalitioning regarding interactions between faculty. I am thinking weekly or biweekly meetings that include faculty and staff that are considered allies in this space. I will have to get back to you on student involvement. Of course the answer is yes but the nature of the group and what the group is going to be is not fully realized yet. There is a lot to think about in this area but we will likely be more able to meet together in the fall.
8. Lafayette: This is a really exciting time at the college because this is a new developing process. When things are really starting from scratch it takes

time to make sure that we are developing good programs. A lot of the questions that you may have we may not have entirely figured out.

9. Sen. Benn: I just wanted to thank you again, if anyone was interested in reaching out to you or following up.
10. Dr. K: My email is [akakalio@whittier.edu](mailto:akakalio@whittier.edu) and I am working with WCTheRock in order to help better name my gender equity office hours. I am always open to meetings and conversation of any kind.
11. VP Brost: Good evening all!

VII. ICe Breaker

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

- A. First thank you to VP Brost for sharing the President's message this week. Next I would like to thank Ann and Lafayette for coming to tonight's meeting to learn more about you both in your positions. I hope we can work on supporting each other through the coming years as our table changes and grows. I will be having a meeting with President Oubre tomorrow 3/16. I will be talking to her about Commencement, Cultural Graduations, an update of the racial justice and equity action plan (how the college has been sticking to the plan, what has been done so far, future plans, etc), and to talk about and hopefully address some of the miscommunication among athletics and student athletes. If there is anything else that you all would like me to bring up please email me at [jeccles@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:jeccles@poets.whittier.edu) asap. If you are on the table you may text me through my number of our senate roster sheet, but please don't share this with anyone else outside of the ASWC Senate without my permission first. Advocacy committee will be meeting asynchronously on Thursday's for the rest of this module and possibly module 3 as well. This will mean that I will be creating and sharing with the members of the committee a running minutes document and a video every week that includes the topic we will be discussing. Member's will respond on the running notes throughout Thursday and Friday. I will also have office hours with sign ups on calendly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm (PST) for 15 minute intervals. If you want to meet and talk to me about advocacy related topics, I can share the document or work with you accordingly. I am also available at these times for regular office hours. If you want multiple slots please just let me know. Please also remember that next week's meeting (3/22) we will be having a closed session with the members of the ASWC Senate where we will be going through and reviewing the ASWC Senate Constitution. Please be present, attentive, and active in discussion and the meeting won't go the full time. If anyone is planning on attending for a public voice and it is an emergency that can't wait for the next meeting, please email one of us on eboard, or our advisors so that we can work with you throughout the week. Let's finish off the module strong! Have a great week everyone. P.S Can Director Royster give a quick update on where you can access the links to Eboard calendly's if they want to come to office hours. Please and thank you! :)

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

A. Senators are going to be paid a total of \$350; \$100 on pay period 6 (March 12th), \$100 on pay period 8 (April 9th), and \$150 on pay period 10 (May 7th). I am also having a one on ones with some senators to help with their planned events or future plans.

**B. General Fund Balance:** \$55,246.08

**C. Operational Account Balance:** \$5,477.80

**D. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00

**E. Allocated Thus Far:** \$66,600.27

**F. First Readings:** \$0.

**G. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0

**X. First Readings**

A. N/A

**XI. Miscellaneous Business**

A. Feedback Forum

1. Rep Armstrong: We had 12 attendees so we had quite a turn out this feedback forum.
2. Returning on Campus - what are student expectations when we come back to campus?

Student Questions/Comments:

- a) Are we going to see a reduced amount of students/faculty on campus?
- b) How will club/organization events look like when we're on campus, in terms of trying to bring the campus together while also trying to keep students safe?
- c) If housing priority is first-year students and second-year students, what does that mean for incoming fourth years and other students? What about those with housing insecurity or international students?
- d) In regards to students staying on campus, what will be the guidelines for capacity in buildings and each room?

**3. Graduation - How do you feel about the current graduation plans?**

Student Questions/Comments:

1. The current graduation plan is not a good idea - each class deserves a different graduation because they each went through their own struggles.
  - a. Idea: Department/major-based graduations that could potentially fit the CDC guidelines, in addition to having an online event for those who can't travel/out-of-state.
2. Students should feel special about their graduation, the current plan seems rushed

3. Students who graduate this year are not getting the experience they deserve - the plan should be more than what is currently being done about graduation.
  4. A gumbo graduation is not fair to anyone.. Students aren't willing to go to a graduation that includes other graduating classes.
    - a. Idea: hybrid graduation - online and in-person. Potentially splitting the event into different days, similar to what other larger colleges are doing.
  5. Graduating students and students affected by these graduation plans would like to speak with Whittier administration and the covid crisis team to talk about their graduation expectations.
    - a. Idea: put together a Google Form with concerns or suggestions for graduation, then present them to Whittier admin.
  6. Is there a way to put together a Graduation committee that works directly with Whittier administration to get senior (and affected student) voices heard?
  7. Can we create a petition regarding graduation/commencement plans
4. **Student Feedback for WC Administration - how can admin work with students to get feedback?**

Student Questions/Comments:

1. What prohibits students from sending mass-emails to contact or communicate with the student body? Along the same lines, why don't students get emails regarding ASWC Senate?
2. Administration can ask professors to set aside time at the beginning/end of class to provide campus updates, listen to student feedback about their Whittier experiences, or allow students to provide updates about their clubs & organizations
3. Can Discord be an alternative avenue for students to give and receive feedback?
5. Sen. Benn: We are currently working on creating a space for seniors to get together to voice their concerns or questions so if anyone knows a senior, is a senior, or can reach out to a senior so they can work with us in this group to make sure that we are hearing the voices of those who are trying to be celebrated this year for those graduating.
6. Senate Support/Initiatives - what are initiatives the Senate can do? Do you feel the Senate supports students?

a) Closed Session

## **XII. Constituent Reports**

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

1. I will be meeting with Gil Gonzalez to discuss some potential events and how I can build a nice foundation for this position and the future senator.

2. We will also be bringing back the professor spotlights and student spotlights.

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

1. FCC approved our amended constitution and are awaiting recognition.
2. We are trying to get our constituents to join the discord and follow the Instagram to increase participation and sense of community.

**C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez***

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

1. I went to a Student Feedback meeting on Thursday and I had the realization that I need to do more of my part as a senator. I emailed Lafayette regarding the survey because even though facilities are providing menstrual products, I don't mind spending my money on things students need. Anyway, I reached to the following clubs if there is any way senate can help ( even if it's with promotions): ASA, Afro-Fusion club, Dance team, WC first gen/ allies, Diversity council, pre health club, red cross, sustainability club, food and recovery, tobe glad, cru, jsu, bsawc, mecha, nixon club, and esports club because those are the ones i can think from the top of my head that are currently active this year. If there's any more clubs, I can reach out to them. From attending the student feedback meeting, one of the students mentioned that he wants to know if the senate can promote their events. I also sent a slack message with I'm forgetting the term but its the higher up committee of senate to do care packages with program board. I am just not entirely sure how to do the money paperwork. Thank you.

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

1. This passed week the amendment to the non-traditional student representative position was passed! If you have any questions on it or would like to see it please feel free to reach out to me. Also, the transfer student research project that I am working on with Liz Mendoza. It's a great opportunity for transfer students to voice their opinions and concerns about Whittier's transfer process. If you would like to participate please reach out to myself or to Liz Mendoza. We will be raffling 2 \$25 dollar gift cards! The research will continue till the end of spring module 2.

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

1. If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text (:
2. Working on a student reference document in collaboration with FCC President Waldorf
3. At our 03/08 Senate Meeting, the COVID-19 Task Force introduced themselves and gathered feedback/questions from students

- a) I made a google form to accept questions from students to relay to the COVID-19 Task Force. (This will be sent to other senators and WC Students)

4. Office Hours:

- a) Thurs @ 1:30-3:00pm PST
  - o Meeting ID: 859 5335 6743
  - o Passcode: WCstudent

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

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**H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Beyene-Martin***

- 1.

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

1. The ICC e-board met today, March, 15th at 4 pm. We talked about the elections, and now have a more formal timeline, and have assembled the committee for it.
2. The ICC will be meeting this Wednesday, March 17th, at 4:30, to talk about a variety of topics, such as the opportunities for new Club/Org logos, and the opportunity to participate in the Diversity Council's Diverse Identities Week.

**J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawaki***

1. **DC will meet this week on Thursday at 4pm**
  - a) <https://whittier-edu.zoom.us/j/94569381389>
  - b) **Meeting ID: 945 6938 1389**
2. **We still want to get more student voices and opinions on the planning for Diverse Identities/Sites of Solidarity week**
  - a) **Reach out to me if you have any ideas or questions**
3. **Anti-racism and You event**
  - a) **With WC alum, Jordan Curry Carter**
  - b) **Thursday, March 18 @ 12:30pm**
  - c) <https://whittier.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fbb7a4995b1996e279635fe61&id=d09f6790d0&e=c9ea901e57>  
(1) **Meeting ID: 970 1491 0564**

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

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

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

1. Currently, PSALA is in the process of planning out D3 week for this year. Social media takeovers as well as post themes corresponding to certain days of the week. We are trying to stay away from zoom events to help prevent zoom burnout for Whittier athletes. Furthermore, we are working



on setting up alumni networks for each sports team. Ideally, this allows for every athlete who comes through the Whittier athletics program to access a portal of alumni for networking for internships and job opportunities.

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

1. We had a PSALA executive board meeting where I discussed the events of the Senate and the COVID task committee. We are organizing D3 week, which is a week where we celebrate being D3 Collegiate athletes. We are going to have another meeting next week and then we will meet with the whole PSALA club.

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

1. Scheduled ISC Roundtable
2. 2:1 Meeting with Deanna
3. Reminder of Title IX workshops
4. Working to start setting the foundation for 2021-2022 ISC
5. Reviewing and coming up with possible edits for ISC constitution
6. sending out update emails and reminders for title IX workshops
7. setting up an ISC roundtable feedback/discussion

**XIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost***

1. We are still working on archiving Senate documents in the Poet Commons. Last week, the Senate voted on and approved of the Non-Traditional Student Rep. amendment so I will be working on adding that to the Commons and changing the constitution. Next week, we will have a closed session to go over the governing documents and how we should go about changing them. Someone not apart of the College's campus will be leading that conversation. I also do have officers hours. Here is the link so you can sign up to meet with me: <https://calendly.com/abrost/15min>

**B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada***

1. During the budget committee meeting, Afro-Fusion Dance Team was funded \$353.88 for their gear.
2. I just want to remind everyone that the Budget Committee will meet on Wednesdays from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm on zoom. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through slack and text.

**C. Campus Relations- *Director Royster***

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**D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley***

1. This week our Elections committee is going to finalize our changes regarding the elections code for passage at next week's meeting
2. We will also be finalizing the elections candidate packet to start the elections process next week.

**E. Program Board – *Director Robinson***

1. Program Board will be having a Women's Month event later in March
2. We are currently planning our March Care Package
3. We are having Make-it-Wednesdays on March 17 & 24

**F. Advocacy- *President Eccles***

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

1. Posting Ideas:
  - a. Instagram: @aswc\_sfc
    - i. "Senate Meeting In A Minute" ?? \*\*
      1. Senate meeting wrap-up
      2. reel/story highlight
    - b. Livestreams!
      - i. Giveaway after reaching a specific (100) follower count
        1. Poets email verification
      - ii. Topics to get feedback on:
        1. For the school:
          - a. What are student's expectations when we come back to campus?
          - b. How can admin work with students to get feedback?
        2. For Senate:
          - a. What are some initiatives Senate can do?

**II. Events:**

**A. Feedback Forum**

1. Thursday, March 11 @ 12:00 -1:15pm PST ✓



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2. [Feedback Forum Meeting Notes](#)

3. Follow up meeting/event for after-thoughts ?? \*\*

**B. State of the Senate**

1. April 15, Thursday @ 4:00 - 6:00(ish) PST

2. recording purposes

a. Consent form

b. Email reminders

c. Zoom webinar? Instead of engage page only for RSVP

1. Hide participants w/ cameras off & hiding names

d. Reminder graphic of recording

e. q&a function / questions in chat to read on behalf

f. Follow up meeting/event for after-thoughts

g. Recording posted as a reel on instagram?

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

1. The Student Finance committee and OSE is working to upload more articles on engage.

**I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden***

1. Last week, enviro committee did not meet synchronously but we are starting to create the basis for an amendment or bill for senate regarding sustainable purchases. We are also seeing how a collaboration between Sustainability Club, Food Recovery Network, and Enviro Committee might fit into the new Diverse Identities event. Thank you.

**XIV. Announcements**

**A.** Director Royster: First, Second if you have any flyers or postings that you want to be sent out please get them to me by 12:30 tomorrow. So that it can be added no later to the overall scheduling of events.

**B.** Senator Armstrong: There is an email list for the student feedback committee. We have a link in our instagram bio, we have five students on the list so far but we encourage all of you to join our email list.

**C.** Senator Magana: For those of you who are interested in the health field the Pre Health club is happening next week and the program board is hosting a “make it wednesday” on the 17th as we will also be working on doing an event for St. Patrick's day.

**D.** Deanna: Save the date April 16th we are having an intersectional poetry slam. Overseeing the cultural graduations we had some feedback last week so that was very helpful. We are looking to send some communication out to get more feedback. We were looking at sending and starting a slack channel to get constant feedback and we wanted to get quick feedback if that was a good idea

1. Sen. Magana: I would love to be added to a slack channel
  2. Sen. D. Torres: I think that would be a great idea I have a number of seniors who I believe would be interested in that and I would be happy to share.
  3. Deanna: I wanted to give the space of senate as well to make sure we are getting the information out but not overwhelming anyone.
- E.** Christine: I wanted to share a meeting I had out today. I met with Jennifer from a new office in the state of california. California Volunteers. They are working on right now to support COVID19 vaccinations and encourage the community to help the neighbors and encourage others to help. I am waiting to get the followup information but if you are interested in volunteering I can give you information.
1. Sen. Angileri: can you drop some of that information so I can share it with the Pre-Health club tomorrow.
  2. Christine: I will share it in the slack
- F.** Sen. Magana: I have an opportunity for quick cash basically promoting “A+ Audiences” so people can be audience members and get paid. This was an easy way to make some cash with

**XV. Adjournment**

- A. Motioned By: Sen. Benn**  
**Second By: Sen. Saldana**
- B. Time: 6:40pm PST**

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