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Meeting Minutes for 2/7/21

- I. **Meeting is called to order at: 5:04pm PST**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. **INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**
Read By: Sen. D. Torres
- 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: D
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Beasley**
 - A. **Present:** President Eccles, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Royster, Director Robinson, Senator Armstrong, Senator Benn, Senator Lopez, Senator J Torres, Senator D Torres, Senator Iseri, Senator Yamawaki, Senator Garrison, Senator Coco, Senator Angileri, Senator Golden, Senator Schoech, Senator Saldana, Senator Waldorf , Senator Magana
 - B. **Absent excused:**
 - C. **Unexcused:** Sen. Perez
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by: Sen. Magana**
 - B. **Seconded by: Sen. Saldana**
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. N/A
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Eccles***
 - A. Hey all, Welcome back
As each new week passes by, more and more work begins to happen. For me I wanted to try and take a different approach to the president's message today.
Like you all on the table have been asked to do, we as Eboard also have goals, and I recently met with Chrisitne and Deanna, two of our advisors, to try and flush some of

these goals out. One of those was to provide more info into some of the work I have been doing and will be working on.

First of all are some of my meetings. Eboard meets weekly alongside our advisors and in some instances other guests.

I have my meeting with Dean of Students Bruce Smith tomorrow. Many of the things that we do in these meetings are related to advocacy and my role in that committee. These are things like the upcoming graduations or even about getting Bruce into ASWC meetings and sorting out other speakers to come into our meetings. Bruce Smith is an amazing resource not only for the ASWC Senate, but the student body. If there is anything anyone would like me to bring up in that meeting please let me know!

The discord server has been something mentioned for a while now and so I also wanted to set some dates for you all to try and better keep myself on track and accountable. I will be working on getting the basics set up and finished throughout this week so that I can have all of us in the senate added by next Monday 15th. After that it will be about working on making the server accessible to the student body and making sure we are able to adapt the server to the needs of the student body.

Lastly, I will be working with eboard and our advisors on ideas that we can implement to help us on the table get closer. I want to take on the responsibility of improving the time we spend together as a table, as students and as peers.

Please also keep an eye out for events that our wc leaders are hosting for us all virtually. There are many people working hard and tirelessly to provide space and events for us and I think it would do us all some good to interact with people as much as we can.

As always I want you all to know that we are here for you as senate leaders, but we are also here for you all as students too. Please let me know if you ever need anything and I wish you all an amazing week.

I look forward to more growth and expansion as we continue through this semester.

Thank You!

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$55,246.08
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$5,477.80
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$66,600.27
- E. First Readings:** \$0
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0

IX. First Readings

- A. N/A**

X. Miscellaneous Business

A. PSALA Branding, Goals and Title IX

1. PSALA had our first member meeting. We went over our rebranding, the newly added positions and goals. Our director announced our fall semester academic numbers and they were really good! We had a semesterly GPA

of 3.36, which is the 2nd highest ever recorded), 20/22 teams reached a team GPA of 3.0 and above, and we had 45 athletes achieve a 4.0.

2. For PSALA our branding and position changes will be making a head. In the past the president of PSALA was different than the reps and so now we will have the Female and Male PSALA reps will be co-presidents of the organization moving forward.
3. New Positions are created and we want to get those positions locked down and stipends created in order

B. Voices for WC Post

1. Director Royster : Thank you vice president Brost, Before I start I would like to state a trigger warning for Sexual Assault and Violence conversations that will occur after I speak. I will open up a breakout room that you can feel free to join at any time if the conversation gets to be uncomfortable. So moving forward I do not know if y'all saw my post in the slack but if you missed it. A new Whittier College instagram account has been created under the name voicesofwc. This accounts mission as per their bio is to bring awareness about sexual misconduct , assault, harassment and violence at WC and demand action. What we as a Senate would do would be to repost their first post which is where they state how they are joining together with the University Survivors Movement in protest to end sexual violence on college campuses. This protest begins today February 8ths and will heavily rely on social media as not many colleges are currently on campus. The page speaks on making different posts demanding accountability and action from Whittier College along with resources for survivors. They ask that the public repost their post from today till February 10ths. They currently have a total of 4 post the first one describing their purpose, two stating that Whittier College has a sexual assault problem , and Whittier College has a problem with consent. Both followed by the end of silence end the violence. Their latest post is I believe you even if Title IX does not follow again by ending the silence and ending the violence. I ask that if you can take the time and look at your instagram pages for a second check them out I think we can give about 3 minutes to that. I will then launch a poll asking if you are comfortable with the reposting of their first post about what the page is for. Based on those answers and the feedback we receive both now and those of you who texted me I will speak with Christine Deanna and Gil for further guidance on the subject. All i ask is that when you do make this vote please do so in light of your constituents not your individual person. I

will now open the floor to discussion if anyone has any questions or comments.

2. President Eccles: Point of Information: Just to clarify, our mission statement and goals and mission as a senate, when we had brought it up to y'all we (as an executive board) really think this is something that aligns with our values and aligns with our mission. I want you to read back through that mission statement and think about who we want to be as the ASWC Senate.
3. Senator Golden: I already texted this to Tori, I think that account and this issue is a student advocacy issue and it is really important that the senate uplifts this conversation and this account to support the student body here and beyond.
4. President Eccles: I am, as well as the executive board are fully committed to tackling this issue, with full support of this avenue as well as pursuing other avenues of support as well including the support ofr the Title IX bill
5. Director Royster: The vote to repost of the voicesofWC instagram account has passed with a motion of 15/15.
6. Deanna: There is project sister and other off campus resources, and in reiteration of Senator Golden's comment I don't want to make a post if there are not resources available
7. Senator Benn: Be aware about how you are sharing sensitive information. Do your activism in a mindful manner because survivors do not need to have constant information about this shoved in their face so be aware of how and when you are sharing and making sure you are posting content warnings as well.
8. Vice President Brost: I approve and appreciate the idea of posting content warnings before we post any of this on our story as a means of support.
9. Deanna: We want to make sure that we do not retraumatize survivors and we will work with professionals in how we do this and move forward.
10. Senator Saldana: If you could provide us with a timeline on what this might look like after you meet with professionals and advisors so we can understand how to better communicate and support our constituents
11. Director Royster: I want to make sure that we are all on the same page with important information and dissemination out to our student body. Our statement from the ASWC will need to be approved by senators on Slack so please pay attention tomorrow and wednesday. Hopefully we will be able to do a repost sometime between the 8th and 10th. Thank you Senator Saldana for that comment.

XI. Constituent Reports

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

1. I am working on holding office hours for students to join and talk about anything they would like. Still working on a flyer and time and date is tbd. Also continuing to work on council.

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

1. FCC did not meet yet this week but our goals for our upcoming meeting are to sign up for a booth at the activity/club fair (we need to work on a good description of FCC together to sign up) and to create a Discord for first years. We have also discussed how ineffective the current INTD 101 curriculum is but need to brainstorm how to change it.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Lopez*

1. I'm thinking about doing a commuter give away, will talk to Ashley about it to see if we will make it available to all students. My constituents talked to me about the financial help some received from the school, some were also curious on the criteria to get that help and I sent them the article.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Magana*

1. Hi, I came in contact with Treasurer Estrada this week because I think we should do care packages for the residential students. I have reached out to one of the RA's and Program Board this week and I am currently awaiting their responses regarding this. I was hoping if I may present the idea at this upcoming senate meeting, please. Thank you.

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

1. This week I read through the ASWC constitution to see what our governing documents mentioned about the non-traditional student rep. position. The term non-traditional student is not defined nor are examples given of what a non-traditional student looks like. I want to add a definition of what a non-traditional student looks like to ASWC on Whittier's campus. Also, I will have a day and time of what my office hours will be for spring module 2 by next week's constituency report.

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Armstrong*

1. Contact Information
 - Instagram account @lyss.13
 - Google Voice: (657) 229-0096
 - Email: aarmstro@poets.whittier.edu
2. Updates:
 - a) If anyone needs someone to talk to during this time, I am available on Instagram and google voice/text

- b) Collaborate with necessary WC staff, faculty, & departments to hold a space for students with my Representative position // working on newsletter for faculty with Gil Gonzalez

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Benn*

- 1.

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. _____*

1. N/A

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

1. The ICC had our first meeting Wednesday, February 3rd, at 4:30 PM. We elected Jolie Klempner as our new Secretary and talked about goals each club has for the rest of the year. We also talked about the Spring Activities Fair, which will be February 19th, 12-2:30 PM, and each club is working on their presentations for the event. The ICC will be meeting again this coming Wednesday, February 10th, at 4:30 PM via Zoom.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Yamawaki*

1. Met with Assistant Director of OEI (Francisco Gomez)
2. Spring Student Activities Fair
 - a) Friday, February 19
 - b) Saturday, February 20
3. Starting to think about events for Diverse Identities week for March

Meetings:

- Women's Leadership Association: Fridays @ 4:30pm PST
- Cru: weekly meeting Thurs @ 5pm PST
 - women's Bible study the same MON 5pm
- Afro Fusion Dance Team: tryouts on Sat February 6 @ 2pm PST
- ASA: Meetings TBD
- BSA: Meetings TBD
- Carribean Student Association: Meetings TBD
- First Gen & Allies: Meetings TBD
- JSU: Meetings TBD
- MEChA: Meetings TBD
- TOBGLAD: Meetings TBD
- UIPN: Meetings TBD
- **WC ASL & Deaf Culture Club: Meetings TBD**

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

- 1.

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1.

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

1. At our meeting this week we had Rock Carter and Coach Senyo introduce themselves to the entirety of PSALA. We discussed the new structure and goals for this upcoming year and years to come. The fusion of Senate and PSALA was explained and it was expressed that all student-athletes should feel free to speak up about issues or questions to Hannah or me and we can bring it to the senate table if need be. We also discussed the conditions for returning to campus to play sports and that LA county guidelines are not as restrictive as Whittier college is claiming. There is a disconnect between athletics and admin that we are going to try to bridge.

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

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3. New Positions are created and we want to get those positions locked down and stipends created in order to solidify these positions as coveted on campus for our student athletes.
4. Treasurer Estrada: Senator Angiliri, in regards to the stipends if you want any advice on how to fill any forms out or what that might look like just let me know and we can meet one on one to have those conversations.

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

1. Cole Male ISC Co Chair
2. 2:1 Meeting with Deanna
3. Zoom accounts for societies paid for and activated
 - a) Looking into ISC email
 - b) Securing speakers for society workshops
 - c) Currently Revising the constitution

(1) Deadline: 2/23
4. First meeting with Election Committee
5. Spring Activities & Societies Fair

- a) Created a Google form to collect club & org information
- b) Further outlined committee's responsibilities as we get closer to the date
6. Second event in April
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XII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Admin Committee is still working on archiving all of Senate's documents. We are also now looking over the constitution and bylaws to see what changes need to be made. As of right now, admin committee is asynchronous but that will change next module.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. I just want to remind everyone that Budget Committee will meet on Wednesdays at 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*

1. Hello Everyone, I truly look forward to all that the table will do this semester. I created a baseline instagram recap graphic to be uploaded after the Senate Meeting, as a quick recap for students who don't have the ability to get to the minutes right away. Through the committee I plan on us putting together the documents for the transitory reports for each position as well as to continue creating the different themes for talk spaces. I created the plan for the first talk space we had in January and through the conversations had there and talked around it, I see it as something that should completely continue. Working with the committee

to ensure that each talk space has a general topic of interest, but also at the end of the day a safe space for students to come and decompress. If you are interested in the Talk Space or anything in between please let me know Campus Relations will meet on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30. I currently have no one in my committee currently so please let me know soon. Also next Tuesday based on “voicesofWC”, and allowing students another space to decompress from the week there will be a talk space next Tuesday graphic and info to come later.

D. Elections- *Secretary Beasley*

1. The elections committee will have a set meeting time of Tuesday’s 12:30-1:30 PST for all three modules.
2. The elections committee had our first meeting last Thursday where we set an aggressive agenda and schedule to tackle over the course of the next semester.
 - a) We have started with a complete overhaul of our elections code which we will be looking to bring to senate for approval in early March before we start the spring elections process
 - (1) If you would like to give feedback, comments, or concerns on anything regarding the elections code we invite you to next week's meeting, and we also ask that if you would like to give comments and aren't available for a meeting to contact Secretary Beasley at aswc_sec@poets.whittier.edu to schedule a time to talk.
 - b) There will be numerous shared documents over the next few weeks in our slack channel that we invite all of you to read through and comment on as this is the first document of our governing documents suite that we are altering.
 - (1) We have also created a time outline for our spring elections with our advisor Christine Hernandez that will be finalizing dates for over the next week or so before sharing with the senate and greater student body

E. Program Board – *Director Robinson*

1. Program Board is working on our February Care Package
2. - We're going to be having Welcome Back Week the week of February 22nd-February 26th with the theme Y2K/2000's and here are the event names:
 3. - Monday: Memory Lane Monday
 4. - Tuesday: Tuesday Tunes
 5. - Wednesday: Wacky-Wednesday

6. - Thursday: #ThrowbackThursday
7. - Friday: Factorial Friday
8. - We'll be having another Make-it-Wednesday on February 10th
- 9.

F. Advocacy- *President Eccles*

1. First advocacy committee spring meeting will be Thursday 11th at 4:30pm (pst) but is subject to change. We will be focusing this semester on graduations, improving on how we advocate for students by reaching out to other SCIAC schools and anything else that students need and bring to our attention. Please let me know if you are interested in joining!

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

1. Spring Module 1 Schedule:

Weekly // Monday @ 12:30pm

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97108049616pwd=bkxleDJ2NG1paWQxcTICVkl1ESTduZz09>

Meeting ID: 971 0804 9616

Passcode: feedback

SFC meetings will be held weekly for open forum if any students have any questions, comments, or concerns if they do not have the chance to attend the Senate Meetings.

Updates:

Meetings will start on February 8th & meeting time may change for Spring Module 2

Planning on creating a social media account or email for student feedback
Planning for a student town hall or feedback forum soon

H. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

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

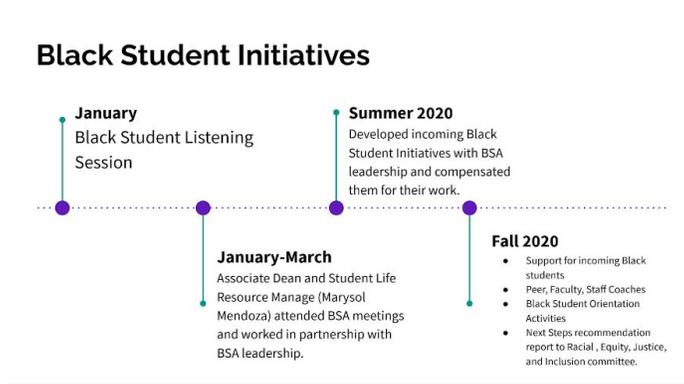
I. Environmental- *Sen. Golden*

1. Last week, environmental committee brainstormed a tentative list of black activists and environmentalists we want to highlight for Black History Month. We want to include ways to support these activists as well. If any of ya'll have suggestions, please feel free to let me know. Thank you.

XIII. Announcements

- A. College Updates

1. Deanna: I will be giving a monthly college update to let all of you know what is happening on our campus.
2. The following powerpoint screens are from Deanna's first Monthly Presentation



Black History Month

Associate Dean works with Black Alumni Association, Black Student Association, Career Center, Counseling, Office of Student Engagement, WCTheRock, and Counseling Center, and Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to plan the MLK, Jr. Day Event and Black History Month Calendar.

- Events can be found on:
- Poet Updates
 - WCTheRock
 - ASWC Senate
 - Engage
 - WC4Equity



Bias Response Team

Summer 2020-December 2020

Created a comprehensive Bias Response Team

Created an updated reporting structure and created website.

Mandatory training for student assistants, staff and faculty.

Society Updates

Fall 2020

Met 1:1 with all Society leaders.

- Themes:
 - Title IX Training
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training
 - Leadership support

Spring 2020

- Implementing mandatory Title IX training and DEI training Initiatives.



3. Christine: I want to echo what Deanna shared. I would put a plug in for Society members that your next leadership module event is about to be emailed out.
 - a) There is going to be a message out in the slack that is needs some feedback as we finalize our Wellness Challenge. If you have ideas, or you want to add to this we would love to have feedback from all of you.

XIV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Senator Saldana

Second By: Senator Benn

B. Time: 6:31 pm PST

Respectfully Submitted by Laren Beasley Secretary of the ASWC