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Meeting Minutes for 10/4/21

- I. The meeting is called to order at 7:02 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
 - B. Read By: Sen. Lyle-Temple
- 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.
 - B. Read By: Dir Pena
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Iseri**
 - A. **Present:** President Hagan Martin, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Benn, Director Pena, Senator Waldorf, Senator Flores, Senator Maldonado, Senator Lyle-Temple, Senator Bautista, Senator Duenas, Senator Coco, Senator Weber
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Garrison
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 1. Sen. Bautista
 2. Sen. Waldorf
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A. Bon Appetit by Lucy
 1. President Hagan-Martin: can you explain how Whittier and bon appetit work together?
 - a) Bon appetit has been on campus 25 years, contracted in. We work together to create a plan, work together, and be as transparent as possible to work for the students on this campus.
 2. Sen Lyle-Temple
 - a) Why were the spot hours cut?



- b) A lot of change, pre-covid the spot was open until 11, and when covid hit the spot closed. 520 students live on campus, compared to almost 900 students before. The business is based on the number of residential and commuter students: fewer students means less budget and the spot has had to downsize.
- c) Is the lack of options similar to the reasoning, of fewer students?
 - (1) The stations have been cut back as well. Averaging 900 people per day, vs used to average 700-800 per meal.
- d) The contract is: Whittier writes a contract and bon appetit follows?
 - (1) Bon appetit and the school work together, and the current contract was created without Lucy making the contract
- 3. Sen Waldorf:
 - a) how much of the lack of demand at the CI and the spot is due to COVID or is it due to fewer options that students like?
 - (1) Lack of board plan, 35% less
- 4. Director Benn:
 - a) Were students involved in the contract, or is it possible for a student to represent in the future?
 - (1) No, but it is a possibility, and Lucy will ask the company and Whittier
- 5. Lyle Temple
 - a) How do we go about extending the spot hours
 - (1) We may not be able to extend them to their original time, but we may
 - (2) How would we rope it into the budget?
 - b) Extending the hours from 11- later, more people would go in.
- 6. Rio
 - a) A lot of people who do not go to the CI will usually try to go to the spot, because they would provide that.
 - b) There are no other options for students to get food if they do not go to the CI and Spot because the contract says we cannot have organizations sell outside food options.
 - c) Extending the hours would be good if it's due to covid because then there would be fewer people in the spot at one time, and it would be more spread out over the course of the entire period that the spot is open.
 - d) Would it be possible to do work in the Spot?



- (1) Yes, in the past there have been many open positions.
Barista, serving, etc. Especially if you are a work-study student.
7. One of the biggest issues is the lack of students on campus.
8. CI Extended the dinner hours to 8 pm
9. Commuters can get breakfast at the CI, like coffee, oatmeal, muffins, etc.
10. President Hagan Martin: solution for spot hours:
 - a) Take out a survey for spot hours, to ask students what they would like to see what students would like and be willing to conduct business on the spot
11. Sen Coco:
 - a) Is it possible to analyze the offset between the CI and spot hours, so the CI is open, and the Spot can close later but can do the Meal exchange
 - (1) You can order a tote bag at lunch if you are going to miss a meal, like a dinner, by filling out a form. The form is in the CI with daisy.
12. Sen Waldorf:
 - a) Off-setting the hours is a good idea.
 - b) What is the process for getting the pilot hours? Like if we get the responses back from the survey?
 - (1) Lucy: We can analyze that
13. Rio:
 - a) Is there any way that students and clubs would be able to do things like making and selling food?
 - (1) No, they have to have insurance because that is a big liability
14. If there is a work-study position through bon appetit, how would that affect the budget?
 - a) Work-study positions would not increase the
15. Sen Lyle Temple
 - a) Who is the client that is responsible for answering these questions?
 - (1) There are multiple different clients
16. Fernando
 - a) Previously there were talks about the food pantry how does that correspond with the liability?
 - (1) You sign a waiver, plus everything is pre-packaged
 - b) The Food Pantry is a good place
17. Sen Lyle Temple:



a) The only way we could extend the Hours is that we would need more hours?

(1) No, it depends on the type of shift that would be made, but if the hours extend too much, yes because you would need an AM and PM cook.

18. Rio:

a) There are a lot of people who would like to go to the spot, and we had so much fun there, so bringing that would be very good.

b) It feels like the spot and the CI are both in defense and not in offense positions.

19. Sen Coco

a) About 40% of students are athletes. LAX is about 55 people, with over half of them being commuters. Finding out a way to reach the student-athlete market would be very good.

(1) All of the sports teams usually will dissipate once their seasons end.

20. Lucy: Vegan options

a) Every open station, there will most definitely be a vegan option.

21. Lucy: Quote: "I can't do it all, but I can give it my all"

B. Update for the situation surrounding President Oubre

1. We are taking that situation to the Advocacy committee Wednesdays at 3:30.

C. A lot of people are now commuters, so people are sleeping in weird places, like sleeping under a tree or under the desks in the library. Is it possible to create a nap room, where students can safely sleep?

1. Great idea

D. How do you set up meetings with President Oubre? I am unable to actually successfully set up a meeting with her.

1. It is available, Grace will speak with President Oubre to let her know the difficulties students are having in terms of reaching her.

E. Quarantine dorms:

1. There is sometimes not enough food, or students do not have enough time to actually prepare for getting to the dorms.

2. This can affect the ways in which students actually report their symptoms, so they may not actually speak up because they do not want to be put in those dorms.

F. Is there a lack of students on campus?

1. Yes, there is a decrease of about 300 students for undergraduate students.



2. The *potential* student population, the number of residential students is about 520 students.
- G. We are still paying the same price for meal plans, so why is it that the number of options lowered
 1. This is because the budget is lowered even though we are paying the same amount
- H. We are still in COVID years, like what Lucy said. So while these concerns are valid, we should still remember this. We cannot push too hard when we do not know the definite future
- I. Are we going to still meet with higher administration about the budget?
 - a) Yes, from late October to early November.
 2. It feels like we are banking on the future students, so to what extent do we go in terms of playing things safe?
 - a) Office of Admissions gets those questions, and the admissions department is trying to come up with new strategies to recruit students and ensure we are not pushing too hard.
- J. There are a lot of people who are still here they just do not know really how to go out right now, so many people just stay inside. For example, in Stauffer,
- K. In Stauffer, there is a door that does not close.
 1. So make sure to call campus safety and/or Tell the RA about this issue
 2. How do we hold this accountable and make sure that we can
- L. It is concerning to see that we are not seeing progress in the dormitories when things like Asbestos, broken doors, black mold, broken things in dorms, ants, bugs, lizards, cockroaches, old furniture, occur because these things are reported but nothing is ever done about it.
 1. When was the last time the dorms were fixed and/or funded?
 - a) Make sure to tell your concerns to RAs and the Campus Safety

VII. **President's Message - *President Hagan-Martin***

- A. Hello Everyone! I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of themselves. Please make sure to continue to do self-care and find peace throughout your day!
- B. This Friday is the student activities fair, from 3 pm until 6 pm. I highly encourage everyone to come and check out additional clubs and organizations there. There will be a sign-up sheet for you all to fill in for the tabling but I will let the rest of my board explain more.
- C. I want to thank Bon Appetit for being here today! Thank you for all the time and effort you all do and continue to do. We will have more guests in the coming weeks to educate the table about various topics.
- D. That's all, thank you!



VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

A. The budget got finished and filed. I am finishing up submitting everyone else's stipends this week.

B. ASWC Accounts:

1. **General Fund Balance:** \$46,219.78
2. **Operational Account Balance:** \$16,841.25
3. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
4. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$10,000
5. **First Readings:** \$0.00
6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. First Readings

A. N/A

X. Miscellaneous Business

A. N/A

XI. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Waldorf*

1. Currently working on rectifying a situation where a professor behaved unprofessionally regarding unfair cheating accusations to a student. I will be working on creating awareness that I am available to help students advocate for themselves in situations like this. I'd like to quickly announce this at the meeting.

B. First-Year Class Council: *N/A*

- 1.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Flores*

1. Met with Student who wanted to say thank you to the senate for pushing to get the card machine to work because she would often skip out on lunch and wait until she got home later in the evening to eat since she doesn't carry cash.
2. With that being said, I haven't gotten any requests on getting the spot atm and card machine to work but more of when is the spot hours going to change. I know we are going to meet with someone from The Spot but I was just wondering when that would happen? I feel like I see a lot more people in the spot and lounge now that the card reader works so that was awesome.
3. I'm also meeting with senator Bautista this weekend to talk about when we are meeting with campus safety.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *N/A*

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E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *N/A*

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F. 2nd-year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Maldonado*

1. As one of the chairs on SFC, my main focus this week was our town hall and creating the Instagram post we made
2. One of my goals coming into my position was to create an email list specifically for my constituents. Moving forward, I want to create a form for people to sign up and send updates/reports to them directly
3. I also attended the budget committee this past week to help vote on a budget proposal
4. A reminder that my office hours are on Thursdays!

G. 3rd-year Student Body Representative: *N/A*

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H. 4th- year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Lyle-Temple*

1. I will be proposing a budget request either this week or the next for the library for 10,000 dollars.
2. Still numerous complaints from constituents about the CI and the Spot. I obtained information from Mayra Macias, a Cashier/Barista for Bon Appetite who has been here for 17 years, that the cut back on hours and options of food was made by Whittier college and not Bon Appetite. The cut back on food was from a contract created by the school with Bon Appetite.
3. Constituents are also complaining about campus feeling “dead”. Saying there is not a lot going on.
4. The campus Safety Chief has also not gotten back to me for policing the library from 9 pm to midnight Sunday through Thursday.

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

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J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Duenas*

1. What was done this week(09/27-10/01)
 - a) All clubs in DC are now signed up for the activities fair and are preparing for the event.
 - b) Meeting with Britney regarding registration, important upcoming events for DC, and other reminders.
 - c) Weekly Engage checking to ensure all club events and meetings posted on social media are posted on engage/EMS
 - d) Had a meeting on October 1st-reimbursement form information,
2. Upcoming activities/plans
 - a) Plan out what DC will be doing for the activities fair(our own giveaways and flyers)
 - b) Working to ensure all clubs have had at least one meeting after the activities fair to introduce new members.
 - c) Working with club presidents regarding upcoming events and



collaborations within October. (Specifically, MEChA as they are planning a larger event in collaboration with Program Board as well)

3. Plans for the year
 - a) Host another Diverse Identities Week/Sites of Solidarity event within the Spring Semester
 - b) Foster club collaboration within DC and branch out into having clubs also collaborate with ICC (at least one event within the year)
 - c) Host leadership workshops with presidents on both easier transitions of power within the Spring semester.
4. Announcements
 - a) Activities Fair will be on October 8th from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Upper Courtyard.

K. Social Justice Coalition Representative: N/A

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L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. N/A

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

1. Midnight madness will be happening on October 14th at 9 pm. This will be open to all students and faculty, there will be games and prizes as well as the lip-sync competition. I need to reach out to the media council to request equipment.
2. Office hours for counselors in the GAC are underway and we are encouraging all athletes to go and talk to them.
3. We will likely use our budget first to make a purchase of bands for the weight room. Also, we are looking into buying more lighter dumbbells (20lbs, 15lbs, 10lbs).
4. We need food back in vending machines as well as all vending machines across campus (the one outside CAAS) to be fixed and filled.

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

Weber

1. Constituent Report: There was a PSALA meeting where we discussed Midnight Madness further, talking about a Sports Psych Mental Health Programming, and an exploring majors workshop on Nov 1st & 2nd.
2. There is also a Title IX forum where men will meet on Oct. 10 and women will meet on Oct. 17.

O. Inter-Society Council Female & Male Representative: N/A

- 1.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*



1. Admin Committee met over Zoom this past week.
2. We are going to be meeting on Monday, 10/4, at 6:00 pm for our next meeting in the Senate office instead of Tuesday. We will be meeting with the Academic Affairs Rep. to discuss a possible amendment.
3. The Commuter and ICC Reps are still working with campus safety to get more information about the charging stations.

B. Budget Committee- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Budget Committee meets on Tuesdays from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm on zoom. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through slack and text.
2. Voted in favor of the budget for the Poet eSports club

C. Campus Relations- *Director Benn*

1. This week, the Campus Relations Committee did **not** formally meet due to midterms and schedule conflicts.
2. Per our last meeting, the CRC has been working on a posting schedule that will begin on Monday, starting with Meeting Mondays, Table Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesdays, and we're still trying to figure out what Thursday and Friday will be as of right now.
3. I will be sending out a Doodle poll in the Senate Slack to assess when a good date would be for all of us Senators to take headshots and candid photos that we can post on social media. I'm hoping we can get this done ASAP so the CRC can start drafting "Meet the Senator" posts.
4. Our committee will be looking into semi-permanent signage around campus to make the campus more accessible and easier to navigate. I'm hoping we can assign this task to a couple of the Senators in the CRC so we can get more projects rolling.
5. CRC is working on getting the logistics/details figured out for when we can do an in-person event, "Tea with the Table". We would like for this to be a business casual event where the Senators mingle and introduce themselves to the rest of the student body while eating small snacks and also having iced tea, lemonade, and water served.
6. CRC also discussed the potential of having stickers and buttons printed for the Activities Fair and in general to spread the word around campus, and we personally all agree this would be an efficient way to get the Senate name out.
7. CRC has also begun reaching out to clubs and orgs to collaborate and post the different events going on around campus.

D. Program Board – *Director Pena*



1. This week we welcomed new members into the program board. We also plan to have training in October. Lastly, we are so excited about our October events and plan to advertise as much as possible!

E. Advocacy- *President Hagan-Martin*

1. Advocacy Committee will be meeting every **Wednesday from 3:30 pm on Zoom**, please ask me individually for the meeting link if you need it. We met last week on Friday instead, in a discussion about meetings with food services, facilities, Title IX, Gender Equity Center, and more. Next week we should have more updates about timelines for some of these items and how student concerns are being addressed. Thank you!

F. Elections- *Secretary Iseri*

1. The elections committee did not meet on Thursday but everyone was tasked with reaching out to more students to sign up for elections.
2. Next Monday is “Meet the Candidates” here in Villalobos from 5-6:30 pm
3. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please let me know!
4. The tabling signup sheet was sent out.
 - a) Make sure to put the tabling slot by Wednesday:

G. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Maldonado and Sen.*

1. This past Wednesday we held our Student Town Hall Event in Villalobos Hall
 - a. Although we did not have high attendance, we were still glad to hold an event for students
 - b. The next time we hold a town hall, we plan to hold it outside during a busy hour with my foot traffic
2. We did have someone complain about the complicated route students have to take to install the Wi-Fi and software protection
 - a. Have to research to see if there is a tutorial already made and if not, would the student body benefit from having that published from I.T.
3. We also made a post on our Instagram about the SFC that quickly outlined what we do and our goals for the year
4. Also, thank you to the Senators that came to support our event and to those who reposted our flyer!

H. Finance Committee- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. I am teaching people how to submit budget requests, and manage their budgets

I. Environmental- *Sen. N/A*

- 1.

XIII. Announcements

- A. Activities Fair**



1. 3pm-6pm,
 2. all the DC clubs are registered for it.
 3. 2 honors societies will be at the activities fair
 4. Stop by the Whittier college votes coalition to get a goodie bag
- B.** Upcoming Senate Meetings
1. The meetings will be held biweekly, one senate meeting in person and the next week will be over zoom.
- C.** Title IX workshop on Thursday on zoom at 12 p.m., RSVP on Engage
- D.** Senator Waldorf will establish academic affairs council, but direct students towards her to ensure that students have support.

XIV. Adjournment

- A. Motioned By: Sen. Duenas**
Second By: Sen. Waldorf
- B. Time: 8:36 pm PST**

Respectfully Submitted by Zoe Iseri Secretary of the ASWC