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Meeting Minutes for 10/25/21

- I. The meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
 - B. Read By: Sen. Weber
- 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: Sen Duenas
- 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 Duenas, Senator Coco, Senator Weber
 - B. **Absent excused:**
 - C. **Unexcused:** Senator Bautista, Senator Garrison
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 1. Director Pena
 2. Sen Duenas
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A.
- VII. President’s Message - *President Hagan-Martin***
 - A. Hello Everyone! I hope you stayed safe with the rain, and I am glad we got to be on zoom today.
 - B. Congratulations to the newly elected Senators, we will be doing the inauguration proces next week.
 - C. Next week Lafayette Baker talking about Title IX
 - D. That’s all, Thank you so much!
- VIII. Treasurer’s Report - *Treasurer Estrada***



A. Senator Stipends are submitted, ordered audio equipment for our meetings, assisting clubs with questions, and managing Senate's budget

B. ASWC Accounts:

1. **General Fund Balance:** \$42,543.19
2. **Operational Account Balance:** \$15,091.25
3. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
4. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$111,945.93
5. **First Readings:** \$10,167.79
6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Waldorf*

1. I met with Gil to discuss the ending of Jan Term and my concerns about negative reactions from the student body. Gil informed me that the plan is to replace Jan Term with mostly travel-based courses as well as some online classes in May starting next year. Since there has been no official announcement that this is the last year of Jan Term, when an email goes out about course registration advising, an announcement will be made about this being the last January term and the phasing in of May term.

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

- 1.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Flores*

- 1.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *N/A*

- 1.

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

- 1.

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

1. My main goal for this week involved helping the campus relations committee finalize the details of our trunk or treat event on October 27th
 - a) With help from Program Board Director Peña, we have actively reached out to clubs and organizations asking if they would like to participate in the event and have received a few responses

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

- 1.

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

- 1.

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

- 1.

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Duenas*



1. What was done this week(10/04-10/08)
 - a) Tracking Events to do a raffle for the clubs who have tracked attendance: raffle will be Oct 29th.
 - b) Working with MEChA to have clubs make an altar for the Dia De Los Muertos event(they will be bringing their budget request to the Budget Committee next Tuesday for the clubs participating in the altars.)-The Dia De Los Muertos festival will be Nov 2nd.
 - c) Meeting with Francisco and Julie (Internal Chair) on upcoming plans as well as our budget and how to get clubs to utilize them or request funding.
 - d) Food Recovery Network and Red Cross will be temporarily absolved into DC until the SJC can be formed, hopefully by Spring 2022
2. Upcoming activities/plans
 - a) Working with club presidents regarding upcoming events and collaborations within October/November(MEChA will be requesting clubs to participate in having an altar for Dia De Los Muertos so sending that message out to clubs ASAP)
 - b) Working with Britney to have a raffle for clubs with recorded engagement
 - c) Planning for an end of the year activity that involves holiday cultures and celebrations-more plans TBD
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) No announcements for the time being on behalf of the DC

K. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *N/A*

1.

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1.

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

1. We are trying to transition much of the planning and execution of events to the actual PSALA council rather than admin. We are looking to collaborate more with other councils on senate and improve both athletics life as well as all student life. We are trying to come up with themes for



sporting events that can be easy to do but very fun. Many students are experiencing burnout and struggling with this long semester (compared to our modules), so we are trying to lay low and plan heavily for the spring semester to have an event filled spring.

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

1. I have nothing to report for this week, we did not meet and none of my constituents brought anything to me.

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

- 1.

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Admin Committee met last week over Zoom.
2. We discussed the Honor Society bill as well as an ASWC day. We are hoping to meet with the Academic Affairs Council to finalize the Honor Society bill this week.
3. I am also working on a vacancy amendment to the constitution. The constitution's wording on that article is very confusing and there is nothing in the Elections Code written about it. So I will be presenting that amendment in the next couple of weeks.

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.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Benn*

1. Campus Relations Committee has been focusing on getting the A-Frames ordered, working on posts for the Instagram, as well as working on getting the Trunk-Or-Treat event approved.
2. We have been working with Student Feedback Committee to look at how to best prepare for Town Halls and go about advertising.
3. I personally am hoping that the Campus Relations Committee will be able to arrange for the pictures for Senate ASAP. I am also hoping to make individual posts these upcoming weeks about each Senator posted on our media platforms.

D. Program Board – *Director Pena*

1. Program Board E-Board is preparing for PB training. Rachel and myself also met with Jose to receive budget information. I am also working on the Campus relations committee trunk or treat. Lastly PB will be posting a movie on thursday October 28, 2021.

E. Advocacy- *President Hagan-Martin*



1. Advocacy meets on Wednesdays at 3:30pm on zoom
2. Advocacy did not meet this past week, but the period products have been ordered and they should be delivered soon for the rest of the semester (at least)
 - a) \$378 of tampons, \$327 of pads, in total around 2,000 products
3. Still working on seating with facilities
4. Title IX will be coming in next week to talk about policies
5. Meeting with President Oubre, if you have any questions, be sure to meet with her.

F. Elections- *Secretary Iseri*

1. The elections committee finalized the results at last week's meeting, so congratulations to the winners!
2. We are currently working on finalizing the plans for the applications for the remaining positions.

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

1. In terms of wanting to increase engagement, we thought it would be a good idea to create flyers for our committee
 - a. there could be a QR code that leads students to a feedback form
 - b. can be posted around campus and handed out at events
 - c. we will start to work on this so we have it ready for our next event
2. Our next goal is tabling
 - a. We are planning to hold it during the first or second week of November in the morning for we get the most foot traffic
 - b. we just need a table, flyers, and maybe snacks to give out
 - c. will finalize the details this upcoming week

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.

XI. First Readings

A. Annual Dia de Los Muertos 2021

1. Organized by MECHA a student led organization here at Whittier whose goal is to serve as a support network for students and bridge between students and the community.
2. Dia de los Muertos is an opportunity to come together as a community through an event that commemorates our ancestors and those who have passed away. In practice, they honor the deas by preparing foods and drinks favored by their ancestors, the creation of alters, placing of



offerings that include objects such as candles, pictures, pan de muerto, other food and sugar skulls all in honor of their loved ones.

3. Dia de los Muertos is culturally significant to countries around the world (China- Qingming, India- Mahalaya Amavasya, Japan-Obon, Brazil-Dia dos Finados, etc.)
4. Fall 2021 Student Demographics:
 - a) Whittier College is a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)
 - b) 41.2% of first years are Latinx
 - c) 49.5% (655 students) are Hispanix/Latinx
 - d) 18 int'l students are from Peru
 - e) 67.6% of students of color
 - f) 58% of students are commuters
 - g) 1,322 total undergraduate students
 - h) The M.E.Ch.A. club has an attendance of roughly 6 people per club meeting
5. Event Details:
 - a) November 2nd, 11am-2pm. There will be a displaced Lunch on the Upper Quad, Display of Alters, Photo Booth, DJ, and Guest dancers (from 11:30-12:15)
6. Confirmed club collaborations:
 - a) WC First Gen Allies, ASWC Senate, TOBGLAD, WCJewish Student Union, Womxn's Leadership Association, Office of Equity and Inclusion, WC Diversity Council, Office of Marketing and Communication.
7. Advertising Methods:
 - a) Office of Communications Support, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Campus INn support, individual posts on social media (@wcforsupport & @WCtherock), flyers distributed around campus and in residence halls, M.E.Ch.A. meetings, Engage, Via email (poet updates), staff and faculty, inviting Diversity Council and all other councils.
8. Budget Request of \$9,696.35

<u>Item/Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Item Price</u>	<u>Total price requesting from Senate</u>
Azteca Zochipilli	45 min dance performance	\$600	*covered by Ortiz programs

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Dolphin Event Services	2 large tarps requested by the CI	\$1,769.43	\$1,769.43
Bon Appetit Catering	Dispalced lunch, staff servers, set-up/clean-up crew, banquet cloth,e tc.		\$1,176.92
Lunch vouchers	350 vouchers for commuters	\$11.11/voucher	\$5,250.00
After/Oferenda Funds	These funds will go towards the decorating of club/org and public alters for the event	\$100 for each participating club	\$700.00
Photo Booth	11-2pm (print+text/emailed photos), backdrop, custom layout, etc.	\$150/hr	\$450.00
DJ	Provides all equipment		\$350.00
Total amount requesting from Budget Committee		\$9,696.35	

9. Questions?:

- a) All active clubs do have \$200
- b) Why do we use Dolphin Event Services for the tarps?
 - (1) Whittier College partners with them frequently
- c) Concerns over the amount being asked for
 - (1) For timing reasons, there is little room for as much change as usual
 - (a) since it is such a large budget request, why wasn't it brought in earlier?
 - (b) We have the funds to pay for this
 - (2) Tarps will be used regardless
 - (3) We needed to meet a lot to figure out logistics, especially with the Covid-19 policies

10. **Vote** to fast track the funding request

- a) Yes: 8



- b) No: 0
- c) Abstain: 0

11. **Vote** to fund this funding request in its entirety

- a) Yes: 8
- b) No: 0
- c) Abstain: 0

XII. Miscellaneous Business

A. N/A

XIII. Announcements

A. Community day on Thursday, October 28

- 1. There will be games
- 2. Commuter vouchers

B. Mentorship Program

- 1. Mentorship Program signups are open until next Friday. An announcement should be in the next Poet Update. I have also contacted WCTheRock to make a post. Director Peña printed posters for me which Senator Flores helped me hang up around campus; the flyers all have QR codes to the signups. I also made an Instagram account that has the flyer and a link to signups in the bio: it is @wc.mentorship
 - a) Grace and Christine will both be sure to
 - b) Gil: reach out to Jessica Hernandez who oversees CAAS be as collaborative as possible about the information in the Mentorship program
 - c) We are trying to make the program be more focused on building community, and not on peer academic advising.

C. Elections Results:

- 1. FCC President: Justin Holoman
- 2. FCC Secretary: Sonali Ortiz-Casillas
- 3. Environmental Action Advocate: Andrea Wainwright
- 4. These representatives will be sworn in at next Monday's meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

A. **Motioned By: Sen. Flores**

B. **Second By: Sen. Maldonado**

C. **Time: 8:08 pm PST**

Respectfully Submitted by Zoe Iseri Secretary of the ASWC