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Meeting Minutes for 11/15/21

- I. **The meeting is called to order at 7:04 pm**
- II. **Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
 - B. Read By: Sen. Wainwright
- 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 Garrison
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Iseri**
 - A. **Present:** President Hagan Martin, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Benn, Director Pena, Senator Waldorf, Senator Flores, Senator Garrison, Senator Maldonado, Senator Lyle-Temple, Senator Duenas, Senator Wainwright, Senator Johnson
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Weber, Senator Coco, Senator Bautista
 - C. **Unexcused:** Senator Holoman
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 1. Sen Waldorf
 2. Sen Lyle-Temple
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. Question:
 1. Look into why the elevator in the SLC continues to break down and see how can we figure out how to stop this from happening in the future.
 - a) People have been brought in and
 - b) Accessibility-wise, it is very disheartening to see, so please use your voices as representatives to represent the entire student body to ensure this gets fixed as your voices are the loudest.
 - c) Christine will send an updated org chart
- VII. **President’s Message - *President Hagan-Martin***



- A. Hello Everyone, I hope you are powering through this week, registering for classes, getting those assignments in, and then getting ready for the break next week!
- B. I wanted to share that this week on Thursday at 7 pm, in the State of the Senate, all Senators must be in attendance. Campus Relation Director Benn will be going over in more detail about Senator's Roles at the event.
- C. The last meeting will be **on Nov 29th** in person.
- D. I want to wish you all the best for your break, and please stay safe,

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. Assisting clubs with questions, and managing Senate's budget.
- B. Helping with other miscellaneous tasks
- C. **ASWC Accounts:**
 - 1. **General Fund Balance:** \$27,995.75
 - 2. **Operational Account Balance:** \$15,091.25
 - 3. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
 - 4. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$127,152.95
 - 5. **First Readings:** \$0.00
 - 6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Waldorf*

- 1. Some student-athletes have expressed interest in having priority registration for student-athletes during the season of their sport due to some practices starting early so they cannot take classes in afternoons. I have asked them to bring me some numbers (i.e. how many student-athletes feel this is necessary. how many students have practices causing scheduling conflicts and how many students play sports per semester) so that I can discuss with Gil the logistics of this if enough student-athletes feel it is necessary.
- 2. The Poet Community Connections mentor training happened yesterday and went well. About two mentors did not come who did not notify me in advance and I will be contacting them to confirm if they still plan on being in the program.

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

- 1.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Flores*



1. Some updates I have would be being on a zoom panel as the commuter rep. speaking to parents on how to better support their commuter students which was really fun.
2. Also this Wednesday from 11-12:30, there will be a commuter outreach lunch for the first 50 attendees. It'll be something that's to-go and a very "first come first served" type of event. I mostly just wanted to have the opportunity for commuters to fill out a survey and join the commuter association.

D. Residential Hall Representative: *N/A*

- 1.

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

- 1.

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

1. This week my main focus was the feedback tabling
2. For the state of the Senate, I went out and purchased snacks for the event that included:
 - a) a variety of individualized chips
 - b) individualized packages of cookies
 - c) individualized pastries
3. As director of engagement for the Poet Community Connections Program, we held our first training meeting for the leaders.

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. *N/A*

J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Duenas*

- 1.

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

- 1.

L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. Nothing to report

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

1. We are running an event with the boys and girls club that will be a toy drive. Starting 11/14-11/18, there will be toy collection boxes in the GAC,



outside the SLC, and outside the CI. Students are encouraged to donate toys (especially aimed at middle school age) during the week! The goal is to get 200 toys donated.

2. Furthermore, we discussed a range of topics that we would like to have a speaker come in and speak to our student-athletes about. The topics ranged from mental health to nutrition, to healthy relationships and bystander effect. Overall, we want to help our student-athletes develop into positive, helpful individuals that are prepared for life after college and can make a positive impact in the world.

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

1. We are going to do an event with the boys and girls club.
2. We are aiming to have 200 toys donated, and

O. Inter-Society Council Female Representative: *Sen Johnson*

- 1.

P. Inter-Society Council Male Representative: N/A

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Admin Committee met last week right before the Senate meeting.
2. We met with the AAC to finalize the Honor Society Bill that was passed last week. The bill will go into effect next year. The new treasure will be in charge of training all the Honor Societies on how to request funding and what they can do with the extra money they get each semester.
3. We also continued our talks about the ASWC Senate day.
4. Sen. Duenas has prepared a secret Senator sheet that every Senator will complete at the end of the meeting today. We will pick our secret Senators today so that we can do our gift exchange meeting after Thanksgiving break. Remember to keep your receipts for the reimbursement of the gifts!
5. Do not forget to wear your polos and follow Robert's Rules during the Senate meeting!
6. Lastly, Sec. Iseri and I are going to start holding our meetings at the same time. We still meet on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm via Zoom.
7. If you have anything for the admin committee and cannot make that time, please reach out to me! I am willing to meet outside of the time frame.
8. Have a great break, everyone! Stay safe!

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.



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3. The William Penn Society & Wild Women's club received funding last Tuesday.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Benn*

1. State of the senate:
 - a. All senators are expected to be there unless you have told Director Benn that you will not be attending
 - b. All senators are expected to wear their senator polos
 - i. Please do not wear pajama bottoms, etc.
 - c. All senators are expected at the campus courtyard at 7 pm, and if you would like to help set up, please do so at 6:45 pm
 - i. The event starts at 7:30 pm and will end at 8:30
 - d. Be prepared to answer any questions that students may have
 - e. Be ready to socialize and have fun
 - f. Pizza will be served

D. Program Board – *Director Pena*

1. We have been working on a lot of different projects for the remainder of the year:
 - a) Holiday Social
 - b) The Mentorship Program
 - c) Midnight breakfast
 - d) Planning events for the spring, like our Spirit week

E. Advocacy- *President Hagan-Martin*

1. met last week in discussion with what we want to accomplish through the remainder of the year. We meet next week on Wednesday, and we will be going over elevator issues regarding the SLC and the library getting the AC to get updates about what can be done

F. Elections- *Secretary Iseri*

1. We have come up with a timeline for the spring semester, and are working on finalizing it.
2. This is just a reinder that the Nontraditional Student representative position and the Residential Student representative positions are still unfilled, so please talk to your constituents about applying for these positions.
 - a) Can any residential students apply?
(1) yes



- b) Who classifies as a nontraditional student?
 - (1) International, transfer, veteran, extended-year, etc.

- 3. Please remember to send in your constituent reports
 - a) We will be much more strict on this in the spring

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

- 1. On Monday morning we held our first feedback tabling event
 - a. We talked to about 20 people and got their feedback on a variety of topics. Some of the big ones were:
 - i. financial transparency at Whittier College
 - ii. the CI and their food options
 - iii. the parking
 - iv. bugs in the residential halls
- 2. Moving forward we are drafting a plan on how to address these problems and who we can contact
- 3. Because we were busy with this event, we have yet to finish our permanent flyer, but it should be done by next week

H. Finance Committee- Treasurer Estrada

- 1. I am teaching people how to submit budget requests, and manage their budgets. Meeting with some treasurers one on ones

I. Environmental Committee- *Sen. Wainwright*

- 1. During the past week, my constituents and I have discussed the basis on which we will begin to research the recycling program at Whittier College. We have also discussed what to do with the money that is allotted to the environmental action committee, and we have decided that buying reusable straws that have the ASWC logo on them is the best investment in the limited time left in the semester.

XI. First Readings

- A. N/A

XII. Miscellaneous Business

- A. N/A

XIII. Announcements

- A. Food Drive this Week

- 1. The Food Recovery Network is hosting a good drive from 11/17-11/19, or right before Thanksgiving break, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm each day. The booth will be right outside the CI for anyone to drop off any sealed, non-perishable items!

- B. State of the Senate this Thursday!

- C. This Wednesday, Commuter Day event



1. 11 am -12:30 pm in front of the Spot, first 50 attendees get a
- D. Transgender awareness week coming up
 1. OEI Discussion Nov 16 at 3:30 pm
 2. Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil
 - a) Wednesday Nov 17, 6 pm
 3. TOBGLAD Game Night
 - a) Thursday November 18, campus courtyard 4:30 pm

XIV. Adjournment

- A. **Motioned By: Sen. Waldorf**
- B. **Second By: Senator Wainwright**
- C. **Time: 8:12 pm PST**

Respectfully Submitted by Zoe Iseri Secretary of the ASWC