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Meeting Minutes for 2/28/22

- I. The meeting is called to order at 7:04 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
 - B. Read By: Sen. Waldorf
- 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 Wainwright
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Iseri**
 - A. **Present:** President Hagan Martin, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, Director Benn, Director Pena, Senator Flores, Senator Romero, Senator Duenas, Senator Wainwright, Senator Weber, Senator Romero, Senator Waldorf, Senator Maldonado, Senator Lyle-Temple, Senator Holoman
 - B. **Absent excused:** Senator Lujan, Senator Johnson, Senator Coco
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 1. Director Pena
 2. Senator Flores
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A. VP Merino-Contino : VP Interview Questions
 - B. **What do you think will be the most challenging aspect of this position for you? What interests or excites you most about this position at Whittier?**
 - C. **What particular and distinguishing strengths and talents would you bring to Student Life?**
 1. Has a broad view of student life across the campus.
 2. Has a lot of empathy, mom of 2, carry a lot of responsibility to connect with students to hear where they are coming from
 3. individualization: making sure students have a sense of belonging.
 4. Try best to open hours for office hours.



- D. Please share an example of how you learned about a challenge related to student satisfaction, and how you addressed it.**
1. Want to create relationships with faculty to students feel they have a voice
 2. How can we look at satisfaction in real-time?
- E. How can you manage a healthy balance between advocacy for the students of Whittier College, while maintaining a steadfast adherence to the policies of the College?**
1. How to include students when looking at our bias policies
 2. Keeping in line with covid guidelines for the equitable purpose
 3. Want to figure out how to create an environment for productive conversations and students have a space to be heard
 4. How can I create a dean of students round table?
 5. How can we all work together?
- F. Please tell us about your theoretical frameworks for equity, inclusion, and justice work with students, and how you have put them into practice.**
1. Working with students in the community to create programs that affirm who they are
 2. Look at policies and procedures to ensure they are not from a deficit perspective
 3. Look at what is not being affirmed and what needs to be changed for it to be
- G. What role do you see your position and office playing in the college's efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion?**
1. It's about being part of the fabric, it's about having a biased process and having the opportunity to give feedback
- H. Mental health issues have become a huge topic on college campuses and with this generation of students. What does she view as the biggest obstacle to student health and wellness at Whittier?**
1. Seeing an increase in personal resources
 2. Wants to see what wellness looks like from a holistic perspective
 3. Wants to hear from students on what health and wellness look like
 4. Wants to look at it from a diverse identities perspective
 5. Wants to see how to improve communication post covid
- I. Couches in front of Ettinger lounge, is there a process for putting those back?**
1. There is a VP for facilities, has been in contact with the VP for that, and has been given a quote.
 2. Working with the president to see how we can make that happen for spring
- J. What is going on with the Rio Hondo students?**
1. We don't have any Rio Hondo students on our campus yet.
 2. It's a pilot program, and they have to adhere to all of the same requirements as the Whittier College students, health screenings, booster shots, etc.
- K. When can we change the hours of the ci/spot?**
1. In the change of leadership there was not much opportunity for student feedback
 2. Want to work with the senate and students to see what can be done for next year, with the new contract



L. Many students are still confused with covid guidelines and going into isolation. How can we clear policies up for students?

1. Figuring out a better way to communicate with students

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

A. Hello Everyone! I want to thank you all for being present during the interview process. I understand it is a long time since I saw a lot of you in this space! I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of themselves during their first weeks of classes.

B. As we couldn't meet quorum last week, I want to remind the Senators that you are only allowed to miss three meetings during the semester after that you will be removed from the Senate table. If you do miss a meeting please let Secretary Iseri know prior to Mondays at 7pm.

C. As I emailed you all today, our next training session will be tomorrow, Tuesday March 1st from 6:00pm - 7:00pm!

D. Finally, I am going to move to close the meeting for a closed meeting to discuss vacancy position applications.

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

A. The accounts are not finalized yet, and will hopefully be done within 1-2 weeks.

B. ASWC Accounts:

1. **General Fund Balance:**
2. **Operational Account Balance:**
3. **Reserve Account Balance:**
4. **Allocated Thus Far:**
5. **First Readings: \$17,500.00**
6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:\$0.00**

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Waldorf*

1. Nothing to report

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

1. Nothing to report

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Flores*

1. Nothing to report

D. Residential Hall Representative: *N/A*

- 1.

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

- 1.

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



1. Nothing to report
- G. 3rd-year Student Body Representative: *N/A***
 - 1.
- H. 4th- year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Lyle-Temple***
 1. Nothing to report
- I. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen.***
 1. *N/A*
- J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Duenas***
 1. Nothing to report
- K. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *N/A***
 - 1.
- L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Romero***
 1. Nothing to report
- M. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Coco***
 1. Nothing to report
- N. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Female Representative: *Sen. Weber***
 1. Nothing to report
- O. Inter-Society Council Female Representative: *Sen Johnson***
 1. Nothing to report
- P. Inter-Society Council Male Representative: *Sen. Lujan***
 1. Nothing to report
- X. Committee Reports**
 - A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost***
 1. Welcome everyone to our first senate meeting of the 2022 school year!
 2. Admin Committee will meet jointly with Elections Committee on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm via Zoom.
 3. I have already started working on some projects!
 4. We have so many great ideas planned so please let Sec. Iseri or I know if you want to join!
 - B. Budget Committee- *Treasurer Estrada***
 1. We will be meeting Tuesdays at 3pm via zoom
 - a) Please let treasurer estrada know
 - C. Campus Relations- *Director Benn***
 1. We will be meeting Mondays 11-12
 - D. Program Board – *Director Pena***
 1. Had first event on Friday, and it went really well
 2. We have a lot of fun things coming up, so please keep an eye out!
 - E. Advocacy- *President Hagan-Martin***



1. The Advocacy Committee is joining forces with the Student Feedback Committee to keep student's feedback streamlined for advocacy and getting students to the right direction .
2. We will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:00pm on Zoom, please ask me individually for the meeting link if you need it. Thank you!

F. Elections- *Secretary Iseri*

1. If anyone else is interested in joining the Elections committee please let me know.
2. We are working on finalizing the spring elections timeline. As of right now we are aiming to have the elections occur within the last couple of weeks of April.
3. In your upcoming constituent report, please let me know what committees you are part of.
4. Turn in constituent report by 5pm on Fridays

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

1. Will be joining the Advocacy committee, Wednesdays at 6pm.

H. Finance Committee- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Dance club, Afro fusion, getting everything back up and running
2. Will be working with other clubs and organizations on what money they can request, and will continue trying to answer any questions that are asked.

I. Environmental Committee- *Sen. Wainwright*

1. Will have the first meeting of the semester this week. Still working on the exact time, but please reach out to Senator Wainwright to join!
2. Working on a few events for this semester.

XI. First Readings

A. Sachsen Society:

1. Psychedelic Circus: traditional event put on every year
2. Looking forward and hoping to bring it back this semester.

XII. Miscellaneous Business

A. Diehl Hall Restroom

1. There are desks in the Gender Inclusive bathroom in the basement of Diehl hall

B. ASWC Senate meetings in person

1. Remain on Zoom
2. Alternate
3. In person

C. Couches outside the spot

D. Rio Hondo Students



XIII. Announcements

- A. Black History Poet Month is happening March 3rd: 12-2
- B. Afro-Fusion will be performing
- C. Event is being hosted by BSA

XIV. Adjournment

- A. **Motioned By: Senator Weber**
- B. **Second By: Senator Maldonato**
- C. **Time: 9 pm PST**

Respectfully Submitted by Zoe Iseri Secretary of the ASWC