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Meeting Minutes for 9/13/21

- I. The meeting is called to order at: 7:09 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE
 - B. Read By: Sen Coco
- 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: Sen Waldorf
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Iseri**
 - A. **Present:** President Hagan Martin, Vice President Brost, Treasurer Estrada, (CampusRelationsDirector) Director Ben, (Program Board) Director Pena, Senator Waldorf, Senator Flores, Senator Maldonado, Senator Lyle-Temple, Bautista, Senator Duenas, Senator Garrison, Senator Coco, Senator Weber
 - B. **Absent excused:**
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 1. N/A
- VI. Covid 19 Q&A with Deanna, Sal, Gil, and Lisa**
 - A. All panelists introduce themselves
 - B. **Questions, comments, or concerns for General Table:**
 1. This question can really be for anyone in the senate or staff, when will the umbrellas and couches be put back outside the CI and lounge? Lastly, what other outdoor seating can be provided or thought of for students and where?
 - a) Deanna will collaborate with facilities and the following senators who will be points of contact: Senators Waldorf, Flores, Pena, and Duenas.
 2. How will the senate inform and spread information that the senate table has office hours? If social media would be the outlet to spread information, how will it reach the students who do not use social media?
 - a) President Hagan-Martin: All office hours will be hybrid.



- (1) Senate may send out an email for transparency reasons, and it can be posted on engage
 - (2) Senators can use word of mouth, their social media,
 - (3) Make sure office hours are out in the open, so people can attend and see. Make sure to follow covid restrictions.
 - b) Christine: event protocol says to be sure to post events on Engage
 3. Is it true that President Oubré hired her own son after creating a position?
 - a) President Hagan-Martin: Attend advocacy meetings for more information
 - (1) Wednesday 3-4 pm
 4. Can we extend the spot hours to how they were pre covid
 - a) Deanna: Deanna will collaborate with the following senators who will be points of contact: Senators Waldorf, Flores, Pena, and Duenas. Bon Appetit and the Vice President who oversees this area are interested in meeting too.
 - (1) Deanna: continue to collect feedback on how Bon Appetit can improve the dining experience for students.
 - b) President Hagan-Martin: we will invite Lucy to the senate, so we can discuss with the whole table
 - c) Senator Lyle-Temple: why were the hours cut?
 - (1) Deanna: Unsure, possibly: covid, seeing how many students were on campus.
 5. How will Senators make themselves known as the representatives for their constituents? I.e. How can Senate best market ourselves to make ourselves accessible?
 - a) Senators will answer individually later
 6. When will the Outdoor basketball hoops be put up? when will the gym be open to the general public? When will the pool be open to the general public? If it is, how can we make the hours easier to find?
 - a) Ana Lilia: Outdoor basketball hoops: put in a request with facilities for how to get the hoops back on.
 - b) Weightroom has hours posted on their door.
 7. Will the couches outside of the spot be put back?
 - a) Ana Lilia: Work with facilities,
 8. Is there a chance everything will be online again?
 9. When are will the group study rooms reopen?
 10. When is the spot going to be back at the same hours?
 11. When will we be able to eat in the Library?
- C. Questions, comments, or concerns for Interim Vice President and Dean of Students, Deanna Merino-Contino**
1. When will guidelines for student events (club events/meetings) be posted regarding covid 19 guidelines?
 - a) Christine:



- (1) On the website.
 - (a) Under covid section
 - (2) Clubs/orgs received draft policy
 - (3) It Will be added to the next poet update
2. Is it true that President Oubré hired her own son after creating a position?
 - a) President Hagan-Martin: Attend advocacy meetings for more information
 - (1) Wednesday 3-4
3. During the power outage, a lot of students didn't receive a text message that indicated it. What can we do to further have students have informed when these situations arise?
 - a) Ana Lilia: Students need to submit their cell phone numbers in order to receive these messages. Senators, please help spread the word.
4. What is the truth behind the allegations made about the Mackenzie Scott gift and what it was used for?
 - a) President Hagan-Martin: Attend advocacy meetings for more information
 - (1) Wednesday 3-4
5. When will the library and spot be open for the full hours?
 - a) President Hagan-Martin: President Hagan-Martin: Attend advocacy meetings for more information
 - (1) Wednesday 3-4

D. Questions, comments, or concerns for Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of Faculty, Sal Johnston, below, or put N/A for none

1. Is it likely that classes will remain in person through the entirety of the fall term based on the trend of covid right now?
 - a) Gi Gonzales:
 - (1) It is too hard to predict, but the intention is to stay in person
 - b) Deana:
 - (1) We have one of the most strict policies in the US on college campuses.
 - (2) It is everyone's responsibility. People aren't socializing in a way that will put the college at risk.
2. In classrooms, if a student feels uncomfortable with students not wearing masks, can there be COVID policy reporting of when this may happen?
 - a) Gil: Speak with the faculty member.
 - b) Deanna: Possibly have an anonymous student form for students to report these incidents.
 - (1) VP Brost: Will this apply to the resident halls as well?
 - (a) Deanna: Yes
 - (2) Senator Weber: What will be the response to these reports
 - (a) Deana: Utilizing the Covid code of conduct
3. Given that some students preferred the module system / hybrid courses, will these courses ever be available as an option in the future?



a) Gil: We are not yet fully there to say “yes” or “no.” We are exploring all options

b)

4. How do students get access to the budget plan? Because students want more transparency. How many other candidates were considered for the position of Director of Innovation and New Ventures and how serious were the others considered in the hiring of this position?

a) Jim Dunkleman and President Oubre will give a breakdown of the budget to Senate at one of the upcoming meetings.

E. Please leave any questions, comments, or concerns for Interim Associate Dean for Academic Support, Gil Gonzalez, below or put N/A for none

1. N/A

VII. Public Voice

A. N/A

VIII. President’s Message - *President Hagan-Martin*

A. Hello Everyone! Welcome to our first Senate meeting of the academic year. I want to share my sincere gratitude for you all being here tonight, in person or virtually. In addition, I want to be candid with you all. I understand that we all have been through a difficult 18 months, loss of family or friends, job loss, financial burdens, isolation, and the stresses of the virus itself. They are all very real and very emotional circumstances to be put through. You are valid in the experiences you have dealt with. As a community, I have seen the growth of so many of you, the strength, the resilience, you all have inside of you. We are so lucky to have each one of you here tonight. I am grateful to you all. I am extremely excited to start this new chapter with you all in hopes of a great transitional year. Thank you.

IX. Treasurer’s Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

A. **Accounts: Have not been finalized yet**

1. **General Fund Balance:** \$

2. **Operational Account Balance:** \$

3. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$

4. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$

5. **First Readings:** \$

6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$

B. Question: Rep Garrison

1. A: Treasurer Estrada will send an update to everyone as soon as they’re finalized.

X. First Readings

A.

XI. Miscellaneous Business

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XII. Constituent Reports



A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Waldorf*

1. I am working on creating an Academic Affairs Committee. I want to create a committee of students to consistently be gathering feedback on academics so that student opinions cannot be ignored. I would like to meet with heads of departments at the end of each semester to discuss common concerns mentioned on course evaluations and how they will address them. I will create a “hotline” of sorts where students can message any academic affairs related questions, like “what does cross-listed mean?” Or “who do I talk to about taking more than 16 credits” and will get a response from a member of the academic affairs committee.

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

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C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Flores*

1. I have also decided on my office hours which will be held on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and of course by appointment if someone really wanted to meet with me.
2. Director Benn emailed me about working on a bill to provide shading and more seating around the campus courtyard and I emailed her back saying I was very interested in helping out because I know commuters don't really have a nice outdoor place to sit in between classes at the moment. When I hear back from Benn and hopefully meet to discuss the bill, I'll have more to say. Separate from that, an idea I would like to do is provide a free CI dining ticket for commuters during midterms and final week where they can go and get a free meal at whatever time during those specific weeks they'd like during the intense study periods. I haven't put much planning into it but it is something I am really looking forward to seeing happen if it is possible.

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. Goals for Upcoming School Year:
 - a) I am in the process of writing an official welcome or update email to my sophomore constituents and set the precedents for future emails/updates as a direct line of communication.



- b) I still want to create a social event for the sophomores and will start brainstorming ideas on how to safely execute

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

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

1. I plan to propose a bill to the senate in October about funding PSALA more and to defund parts of the media budget and redistribute it to PSALA and athletics in general.
2. I would also like to make the senate aware that the article about President Oubré has brought many issues with her that the student body has had to the surface and very much needs to be discussed and tabled at the upcoming senate meeting.
3. There have also been issues brought to me by the student body about the lack of vegetarian options and gluten-free options at the Campus Inn and this too needs to be discussed as well.
 - a. This will be brought to the Advocacy committee
 - b. Why don't they accept debit/credit?
 - i. Lucy: they had a problem, and it should be up and running by the end of the week.
 - ii. Grace: Food pantry should be open soon, so that is also an option for food. It is between the Quaker Campus and Dean of Students office, in the hallway next to the mailroom.
 - iii. Treasurer Estrada: Fill out the form for what time you are available to pick up the food. Information was sent out to the

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

1. Over the past week, ICC held our first closed meeting for the purpose of coordinating logistical details for the coming year. We discussed things such as our first ICC open meeting, re-registration for clubs, and promotion of re-registration, and held a mock meeting to learn how an ICC meeting is conducted. ICC would like to announce that we will be holding our first open meeting on Thursday, September 30th at 6 PM. Please be sure to register your clubs by September 29th, and it is mandatory for each ICC club to attend our monthly meeting. If a club's ICC representative cannot attend due to scheduling conflicts, please feel free to reach out to us at icc@poets.whittier.edu and please let us know who will be filling in for your ICC representative.



J. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Duenas*

1. What was done this week(09/07-09/10)
 - a) Re-registering DC clubs that had not completed their registration process on Engage (First Gen & Allies, TOBGLAD, Social Work Council).
 - b) Communicating with DC reps for availability for our first meeting: TBD
 - c) Had a first meeting with the advisor (Francisco Gomez) and Internal Chair(Julie Ann Aryee) regarding the upcoming activities fair.
 - d) Finalizing how many clubs are within the council for this upcoming semester.
2. Upcoming activities/plans
 - a) Have my first meeting with DC reps within the next week.
 - b) Finish budget meeting committee presentation regarding how clubs receive funding for the activities fair for giveaways, printing flyers.
 - c) Working with club presidents regarding upcoming events and collaborations within October.
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.

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

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L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

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

1. For PSALA, we were told that we will not be having in-person events. Therefore, we are taking a slow approach to events this fall as an attempt to not be on zoom calls during this fall. We are working to strengthen the core group of PSALA and plan everything for the spring term. Our goal is to be as well prepared going into in-person events and prevent the burnout of PSALA... and frankly for anything school-related this year.

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



1. All teams have completed their second week of weight room training. I have talked to 3 different athletes that have discussed discomfort about improper mask-wearing in the weight room and GAC. I have talked to Trisha Senyo in the Athletic Department about enforcing mask usage and providing disposable masks in the weight room, which she has done.
2. My office hours: Mondays & Wednesday at 3:00-4:30 pm in the library

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

- 1.

XIII. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Brost*

1. Happy first Senate Meeting.!
2. Admin Committee will begin meeting this week via Zoom on Tuesdays from 3-4:00 pm. Please let me know if you are interested in the committee so I can send you the Zoom link. If you are still interested in the committee but cannot make that time or day, please reach out to me. I can schedule a time for us to meet that works best for you.
3. Please come into admin committee or contact me on the side if you have any ideas from some bills, amendments, or initiatives. I would love to help you all out!
4. <https://poetcommons.whittier.edu>
5. Good luck with the school year!

B. Budget Committee- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. The 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. Senators were able to meet and vote on Eboard stipends at the last meeting \$2,400 per eboard member for Fall 2021

C. Campus Relations- *Director Benn*

1. This week the Campus Relations Committee did not meet as we currently only have two members, one of them being myself, and the other being Senator Samantha Maldonado. I touched base with Senator Maldonado and let her know what the plan for next week's meeting will look like.
2. For the upcoming week's CRC meeting, we will be discussing what a posting schedule could look like for this year, as well as how we can best engage students both in-person and through our social media platforms. I am working on getting the agenda finalized and will be sending it out to all Senators the evening before our meeting [Tuesday night].
3. I will be holding office hours two days a week, with one day still TBD: Monday 1:30-3:30 is 100%. Students can join on Zoom or find me in the Senate Office at this time. The following link is for the Monday meeting:



Topic: Director Benn's Office Hours

Time: Sep 13, 2021, 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/5550478950?pwd=UTlJaDlclpyWmhMbm4rOll6aHgvUT09>

Meeting ID: 555 047 8950

Passcode: senate2021

4. Once everyone has their gear, I'd like to arrange a time to get a picture of everyone or find a way to take individual photos when people have time, so we can create social media posts that have the current table in them.

D. Program Board – Director Pena

1. As Program Board Director I am working on putting on a movie night for the next three months and an ice cream picks me up for September. Program Board Applications have reopened on the 6th and will close on the 27th of September. Program Board is brainstorming covid-19 friendly events for the school year, on-campus and off-campus for November a while as Whittfest.

E. Advocacy- President Hagan-Martin

1. Advocacy Committee will be meeting every **Wednesday from 5:00 pm-4 pm** person via hybrid in the Senate Office as well as being on Zoom, please ask me individually for the meeting link if you need it. We will be starting this Wednesday and get started on advocating for the student body.

F. Elections- Secretary Iseri

1. The Fall 2021 ASWC Senate Elections have begun:
 - a) The Elections Informational Meetings are being held via Google Meets. We did not have anyone attend the first 2 meetings last week, but we have 2 more coming up this week, tomorrow, **September 14th, from 4-5 pm**, and this **Thursday, September 16th, 4-5 pm**.
 - b) Candidate campaigning officially begins next Monday, September 20th.
 - c) Monday, September 27th is Meet the Candidates, which will be a Q & A.
 - d) Then September 29th-30th will be the Elections.
 - e) Any Questions?
2. Elections Committee:
 - a) Elections Committee meets weekly on Thursdays, from 4 pm-5 pm via Google Meets.

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

1. The student feedback committee will meet on Thursdays from 3-4pm
2. Working on creating an agenda and possibly a survey for students asking how they feel about students returning to campus

H. Finance Committee- Treasurer Estrada

1. Following up with Christine to make sure my videos are posted on Engage for people to see how to request funds from Senate, funding, etc.

I. Environmental- Sen. N/A



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XIV. Announcements

A. Sen Bautista:

1. ICC will have the first meeting: September 30th 6 pm
2. The deadline for when clubs and orgs can re-register is:
3. ICC meetings are required by all clubs/orgs

B. INTD 101 is hosting the workshop on “Finding your Voice”

C. Make sure to put everything you’re hosting is posted on Engage

D. Tell Circle Leader if you are unable to attend the senate meetings

XV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Coco

Second By Sen. Garrison

B. Time: 8:08 pm PST

Respectfully Submitted by Zoe Iseri Secretary of the ASWC