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I. The meeting is called to order at 7:01pm

Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote

A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

B. Read By: *Dir. Wainwright*

C. Mission Statement

D. 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.

E. Read By: *Sen. Sherman-Seitz*

F. Roll Call – Director Wainwright

G. Present: *Pres. Duenas, V.P. Pena, Treasurer Cochrane, Dir. Wainwright, Dir. Flores, Sen. Huerta, Sen. Sherman-Seitz, Sen. Randle, Sen. Ramirez, Sen. Romero, Sen. Almuhtadi, Sen. Stouffer, Sen. Laluyaux, Sen. Flucas*

H. Absent excused: *Sen. Maldonado, Sen. Coco, Sen. Johnson, Sen. Kusleika, Sen. Sanchez, Sen. Burke, Sen. Gonzalez*

I. Unexcused: None

II. Minutes Amendment/Approval

1. *Sen. Ramirez:* motion to disapprove mins due to a typo.

2. *V.P. Pena:* Motion approved, we will fix this.

III. Public Voice

A. *Isa:* I am an RA on campus and I am here to speak about the masking on campus and the disparities between the covid task force and the health center. It is hard to convey info to residents when we are constantly being misinformed. At first it was 94% booster rates but now it's 97%. People are being given non-compliance notices. I went on Thursday and my professor called me to tell me if I am asymptomatic that I need to come to class or my grade will be reflected. This is contradictory to the information I got from the health center. The health center



shutting people in isolation who are non-compliant. I am here to push for student voice to be heard because we have one person on covid task force and I don't think that the students are being heard, commuters do their testing, they are part of that 91% that have been tested. I would like for profs to be held accountable, they are taking off their masks because they feel like it. People are in the line this morning saying that they have non compliance notifications from September 7th. I would like the policies to be held to a higher standard. Professors say "you know the protocol" when people don't actually know the protocol.. I would like there to be a vote by the students. We are relying on Lisa and Deanna to know what is expected but it is not in writing. I don't know what to do, it is an impossible situation and if we were to put our voice to a vote, I feel like it would help. 69% of faculty are not vaccinated.

- B.** *President Duenas:* I want to thank you for bringing this up and speaking to me before the meeting. We want to make sure students are following protocol as well as faculty and staff. I met with Deanna this morning and they want high 90s for booster percentage rates before the masking protocol can change. They want to finish this out in September for them to go to no masking. We will definitely keep you in the loop as well, the covid task force meets tues @1, Treavor is our current rep, please let him or I know.
- C.** *Daniel Casillas:* Im Daniel Casillas i'm coming to you about the situation at the dining halls with the staff. There is a meeting unionization down at the dining hall. They are coming together and demanding that they get their negotiation date, from their boss at Bon Appetit. A lot of staff are working two-three persons' work but are also getting paid one salary, some of them are working 10 hour shifts then are going to go work for uber afterwards. They are looking for a negotiation date from Bon Appetit. Since that meeting they have not heard back from the company. It's been several weeks, they are not getting an increase in wage. Some of them have worked their 20 years, some of them 40. It's not sustainable, they have to feed their families. They can not realistically keep working here. It is disheartening to hear that from people that feed us everyday that they are going home with \$15 paychecks. My question is what can you guys do to help them, what can we do as a student body to put pressure on BA, or the school itself in order to help them.

D. *President Duenas:* In our case, we mostly bring everything with Deanna to student life, I think with that there has been a lot of talk about this since last year. There was also talks about this from MECHA and they wanted to know more info. We can bring this to Deanna, and we can possibly start petitions with the student body. If you want to get in contact with advocacy I have meetings with deanna and President Oubre, and I know there are issues of confidentiality among the workers who talked to you. If you want to meet with me, we have meetings Here and you can contact me via email and via calendly.

E. *President's Message - President Duenas*

Good evening, I hope everyone's week is off to a good start, thank you to those who have done constituent reports, if you have not one so please do. Exposure testing is important, again the rules are that your first violation will be a warning, then you will have to pay for a \$100 seminar, and the third violation will be a meeting with Deanna, so please remember to comply with testing regulations. We are also working to get the student booster in the high 90s, please reach out to Deanna if your constituents have a hard time submitting. I really wanted to emphasize the senate office is open M-F 8am to 5pm for your resource. We restocked the snacks, so please utilize this resource. The Health Center is having an event. In order to expand out inclusivity please attend one or more OEI or GEC events. This is the last week to donate to the veteran center. Tomorrow we will be having ice cream in the senate office from 1-2 pm in order to show appreciation and gratitude to all of you.

F. *Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Cochran*

G. \$13850 from MECHA for next week. The student body census has concluded with 1,193 giving us \$66,853 to split between our general and operations funds. And \$77,306 to split between Program Board, Media Council and the 7 smaller clubs.

H. *ASWC Accounts:*

1. **General Fund Balance:** N/A
2. **Total Funds Allocated Thus Far:** N/A
3. **Operational Account Balance:** N/A
4. **Reserve Account Balance:** N/A
5. **First Readings:** N/A
6. **Daily Calendar Considerations:** N/A

IV. *Constituent Reports*

A. *Academic Affairs Chair: Sen. Burke*

1. N/A

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

1. N/A

- C. Commuter Representative: N/A**
 - 1. N/A
- D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Sanchez***
 - 1. N/A
- E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. Flucas***
 - 1. N/A
- F. 2nd-year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Laluyaux***
 - 1. N/A
- G. 3rd-year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Maldonado***
 - 1. N/A
- H. 4th- year Student Body Representative: *Sen. Gonzalez***
 - 1. N/A
- I. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen. Sherman-Seitz***
 - 1. N/A
- J. Diversity Council Representative: *N/A***
 - 1. N/A
- K. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *Sen. Ramirez***
 - 1. N/A
- L. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Romero***
 - 1. N/A
- M. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Coco***
 - 1. N/A
- N. Poet Student-Athlete Leadership Academy Female Representative: *Sen. Kusleika***
 - 1. N/A
- O. Inter-Society Council Female Representative: *Sen. Johnson***
 - 1. N/A
- P. Inter-Society Council Male Representative: *Sen. Almuhtadi***
 - 1. N/A
- V. Committee Reports**
 - A. Administrative –*Vice President Pena***
 - 1. Working on a department funding bill but couldn't do it this week because we don't meet quorum right now. I'm also working on amendments, if you guys are interested in weds 12:30 if you want to join the committee or if you are interested in amendments.
 - B. Budget Committee- *Treasurer Cochrane***
 - 1. 1 pm on fridays
 - C. Campus Relations- *Director Wainwright***
 - 1. Campus Relations Committee met on Friday to discuss upcoming events and Meet a Senator Mondays. Please send your information to my Campus Relations email, I

put the directions in the GroupMe so please contact me for this. We will start next Monday with President Duenas.

D. Program Board – Director Flores

1. Biweekly on thurs from 530-630 next on oct 7th. We hired a Whittfest coordinator this week, we have 2 out of three. We will have a Halloween party on October 7th. By tomorrow we will be finalizing this event with our advisor.

E. Advocacy- President Duenas

1. met last tues at 12:30, we will continue to talk about tabling, we are making general surveys, working with Deanna about testing and non-compliance about cleanliness and confirmed that we will have our first self-sufficiency seminar on oct 11th at 12: 30.

F. Elections- V.P. Duenas and Dir. Wainwright

1. FCC electrons we currently have 5 candidates, oct 5th to oct 6 due to the Jewish observance.

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

1.

H. Finance Committee- Treasurer Cochrane

1. This is when I talk with the two clubs, I have started talking to the manager of Kpoet and another one this week.

F. Environmental Committee- Sen. Stouffer

1. I have a meeting with facilities this week for scott recycling and athens. I found a company that can recycle PPEs so I will look into that.

VI. Miscellaneous Business

1. *Sen. Ramirez*: September is national suicide prevention month, as we come to a close we want to provide various events and programing in ways in which you can prepare and be aware and help those in need. This is ongoing for QPR, it is an online thing that takes 1 hour to complete and it tells about the warning signs of suicidality and how to give them the resources to give people help. Mental health first aid training is held on campus Friday October 7th from 4-7 and Saturday October 8th 8-12pm , you have to go to both and it is free of charge, I highly recommend it. RVSP by emailing the counseling center at counselingcenter@whittier.edu , do that by the 29th. Super great resources, highly recommend to learn more about how you can help your fellow peers.
2. *Sen. Sherman-Seitz*: The ICC is planning their first get together. The inner club council social, current registered clubs to bring their board. Trying to advocate to see if more people will join the ICC itself, it will be happening here on the 12th of October.

VII. First Reading

1. *V.P.*: The new funding bill's first reading will happen next week.

VIII. Announcements

1. *Sen. Romero:* I represent kpoet and they will have their second event this friday latinx night from 6-8 pm , they will have music, food and dancing. In the lower quad, rsvp on engage. RAs let your residents know, bring them if you can.
2. *Sen. Huerta:* We are going to bring back the Commuter Student Association Organization, if you're interested in joining let me know. I will be meeting with past members to see when we will be setting up.

IX. Adjournment

Motion By: *Dir. Flores*

Seconded by: *Dir. Wainwright*

Time: 7:29

Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Wainwright Campus Relations Director of the ASWC