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Advocacy Committee

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WHEREAS food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty are among some of the most pressing issues facing students on College and University campuses across the nation;

WHEREAS Whittier College has searched for and identified a need for student poverty prevention initiatives on our campus;

WHEREAS Whittier College students, faculty and staff have taken independent initiatives to address these issues on our campus through ad hoc committees and independent research;

WHEREAS no student should have to worry about inadequate food or shelter while also pursuing higher education;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that 10% of the ASWC Senate's Reserve Account shall be allocated to the Whittier College "Emergency Funding" overseen by The Economic Crisis Committee (ECC) at the beginning of every semester;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that should a situation occur where the ASWC Senate Reserve Account stands at less than \$5000 at the beginning of the semester, a minimum of \$500 shall be allocated, first from the Reserve, and then from the ASWC Operational Account should it be needed;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount allocated from the ASWC Senate Reserve Account per semester shall never exceed \$9000;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that representative(s) from the ECC shall report to the ASWC Senate at the end of each semester what these allocated funds were used for as well as any remaining balance;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Bill, which submits the request of the students to provide more support and guidance to students experiencing financial hardship that impacts their academic success at Whittier College, be sent to the following:

Dr. Linda Oubre, *Whittier College President*

Deanna Merino-Contino, *Associate Dean for Campus Life*

Siobhan Skerritt, *Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities*

Frances Romo, *New Student Programs Coordinator & Economic Crisis Committee Chair*

Dr. Michael McBride, *Professor of Political Science & ASWC Faculty Liaison*

Members of the ASWC

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