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## **Environmental Budget Bill**

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WHEREAS, Whittier College has been listed as one of the country's most environmentally-responsible colleges in the nation by the Princeton Review,

WHEREAS, Whittier College lacks environmental initiatives to uphold the credibility of this claim,

WHEREAS, environmental initiatives require a consistent budget,

WHEREAS, there is no current budget implemented for environmental projects, or incentives to encourage the community to act sustainably,

WHEREAS, councils of the ASWC Senate receive 1% from the ASWC general account,

WHEREAS, in order for the environmental committee on the ASWC Senate to serve the student body's environmental concerns and implement action, an allocated budget is needed,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the environmental committee of the ASWC Senate be allocated an amount equal to the organizations of the smaller constituent bodies, pulled from the general account.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that this budget is to be used for the following but not limited to:

- Giveaway prizes to incentive sustainable initiatives
- Stipends for students to use public transportation or zero emission transportation
- For the needs of the SuRF garden

LET IT BE RESOLVED, budget expenditures are reviewed and approved by the ASWC Treasurer to ensure transparency,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the environmental committee manages and makes decisions on how to spend the budget,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that at the end of the year, remaining money will be rolled back into the ASWC reserve account.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this bill be sent to the following:

Deanna Merino-Contino, Associate Dean for Campus Life

Christine Hernandez, Director for the Office of Student Engagement

Members of the ASWC

- Start working on the Budget Bill which shall include
  - A consistent budget to be given to the committee
    - To include: Stipends, bus passes, constant money for environmental committee (including money for SURF garden)
    - Also include a possible clause to partially reimburse students who take green actions in their lives, such as biking to school a fully electric car, carpooling, any sustainable way of getting to school.
  - Money not used shall be sent back to the reserve.

**Whereas (Reasoning for bill):**

- Whittier college listed as one of most sustainable campuses in the country
- WC lacks environmental initiatives,
- Initiatives require \$\$\$
- We don't want to be constantly requesting \$\$ from senate
- Councils get \$\$ for programming

**Let it be resolved (What we are changing):**

- These funds will be used for:... "can be used for following, but not limited to.."
- Whatever \$\$ not used, roll back to senate account
- Expenditures of budget be reviewed by ASWC treasurer
- Env. committee would be handling budget
- Goal is to be as descriptive as possible, transparent to minimize questions, fe
- Move env. Committee out of "auxiliary committee"
- Members of committee are expected to manage the budget