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Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2019

- I. Meeting is called to order at: 7:03 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Dir. Gil
- 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. Mendoza
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. Present:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, Sen. Modesti, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Dir. Tejada, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Segura, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Alvarez
 - B. Absent excused:** Sen. Minami, , Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Lindiwe, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Hidalgo
 - C. Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. Approved by:** Sen. Garrison
 - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Royster
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A.** Carlos Espinoza came in to talk about an issue that he is working on. He asked multiple questions about textbooks that the Senators raised their hands to. He came in to talk about the issue on how expensive textbooks are. He is working on a movement OER called that has free textbooks and free materials that the student body could use. The OER also has a subscription that a professor could adopt and use in their classroom. The website doesn't cost anything for the students or the professors. The only time it costs money is if the professors want a teacher's manual, other than that, it is completely free. He has been working on this issue



since 2017 at his community college, now he is working with the OEI. At whittier, he has been working on this issue for about a month, so he is asking for help from the Senate to make his voice heard. He is hosting a free dialogue tomorrow at 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Nixon room and there will be food. There will also be one on the 21st. The point of the dialogue is to make students and professors more aware. The rep. has also made a flyer that he is willing to share with the Senate.

- B.** Sarah Espinosa came in to introduce herself. She is the new assistant for the Dean of Students. She gave the Senate stories about her educational experience throughout her college career.

VII. President's Message - *President Moya*

- A.** Good evening everyone, I hope you all have had a great weekend and Monday. I wanted to remind you all that the application to attend the ASGA conference in Los Angeles closes tomorrow at 12 PM. I encourage you all to apply! We will communicate results of who was selected to attend on Wednesday. I also wanted to provide you all with an update regarding my meeting with President Oubre last week. I informed her of the concerns students have regarding the services at the counseling center. She let me know that it is something that is on her radar and this issue is not unique to WC, but a lot of institutions are experiencing a consistent growth rate for on campus counseling services, and she is working with the Board of Trustees and Advancement to explore avenues for funding to equip the counseling center to meet students needs. This is still in premature stages and if any of you have potential solutions or ideas, please do not hesitate to share so I can share with Linda. This year they were able to secure funds to add the positions: Case Manager, Title IX Coordinator, and Legal counsel position. I also asked if the insurance plan that students have through the school, if that covers mental health resources like that of the Counseling Center . She did not know the answer to that question, so I will be looking into that further. She also wanted me to update you all regarding the VP and Academic Affairs search is underway and there will be opportunities for students to get involved, so please look out for those opportunities. In addition, surveys regarding curriculum planning are being conducted by faculty, it is imperative they get as many responses as possible, so also keep a lookout on that. We are also looking into having a luncheon with the Board of Trustees and the Senate Table sometime in the spring.



VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$43,738.00
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$1,611.59
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$19,975
- E. First Readings:** \$0.00
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami*

1. This past week's Photosynthesize and Regrounding event was held in the spot due to poor air quality. I'll be outside as long as the sun is out, and if not then at the tables in the spot.
2. There will be a form going out this week to join the Academic Affairs Council. Check out the senate site on engage for a form explaining the vision for the council and a few questions about yourself for you to fill out. It's open to everyone and I encourage you all to join, especially if you have a passion you'd like to address in academics. Be on the lookout for an email with the link soon!

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

1. FCC held their first meeting last week and we are planning another, less formal, one for this week.
2. Last week in my office hours some students talked to me about having the ability to speak tests because they think they would do better on them that way.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin*

1. N/A

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. TBD*

1. N/A

E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. Mendoza*

1. Meeting Jose Padilla from Campus Safety Wednesday @10am regarding student concerns when calling
2. Transfer Club is up and running on engage, speak with President Alyssa Ascencio or Advisor Jaimis Ulrich or myself regarding joining.



F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres*

1. Currently in the works:
 - a. I followed up on the gluten free menu for the spot with fellow Senator Malone and will follow up with more information for culinary committee's report.
2. Concerns:
 - a. A couple students brought up the concern of a wasps nest located in the Johnson dorms. The nest is located near the entrance to Johnson that's next to the Dezember house. I will let camps sec. know about the concern.
 - b. In Harris, a couple of students mentioned the concerns about the Harris door being broken to the point of no entrance being available. And on top of that the men's restroom was broken that bathroom was not available to the students.
 - c. Distribution of posters, newsletters, flyers, etc. is prohibited in the residence halls. Special exceptions may be granted by the AD or the Director of Residential Life for administrative or programmatic purposes. Myself and other students throughout this month have been approached by multiple individuals who have handed out flyers and/or have tried to sell a product. Not only has this caused an uncomfortable environment but it also directly violates the prohibition of soliciting on campus.

G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Malone*

1. This week I, along with the other student body representatives looked over and tried to categorize the responses on the QR code form.

H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Lindiwe*

1. This week I worked on splitting up the constituent feedback from the Feedback Survey into different people's jobs so as to get the jobs done efficiently.

I. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Modesti*

1. I am currently working on looking into getting printers into the res hall lounges!
2. I also want to look into having the business office send out emails to let you know that you have a hold on your account.



J. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen. Royster*

1. ICC Executive Board has a retreat this weekend.
2. ICC has a meeting on Wednesday in room 507 of the SLC @ 5:00
3. ICC will also be voting in a number of clubs come Wednesday, so looking forward to seeing new ideas on our campus.
4. Delight Ministries is also looking to begin to table outside the CI.

K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia*

1. N/A

L. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *Sen. Segura*

1. Next sjc meeting will be held on November 19th inside the Dezember House at 4:30pm.
2. Food Recovery Network will be meeting this Tuesday at 4:30pm and Friday 2:30pm in front of the CI.
3. Currently working with DC and Kaeloхи on organizing events during the week of Nov 18th to educate the campus on issues regarding how colonialism affects us while emphasizing the voices of indigenous people.

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. KPOET: interviewed and brought Randy Ertll and is streaming.
2. WCSN finished Football and Men's soccer last Saturday, we begin with Our Men's basketball season this Friday and Saturday
3. The QC returned this morning from the DC journalism conference. We are not running an issue this week, and published a Halloween themed paper that was distributed on Thursday!
4. Vps has had an increase in equipment rentals and will be working on set design for our short film at our meeting this week

N. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Eccles*

1. Men's Football lost 16-52 to CMS on Saturday.
 - a) They play against this Saturday 9th at Redlands at 7:00pm.
2. Men's Water Polo won against Cal Tech 21- 9 and Occidental 19-7.
 - a) They play at CMS on Wednesday 6th at 7:00pm and against Pomona Pitzer On Saturday 9th at 4:00pm.
3. Men's Soccer lost to CMS on Wednesday 1-2 in double overtime and again on Saturday 0-1 to Occidental.
 - a) They play at Redlands at 7:00pm on Wednesday 6th for the semifinals of the SCIAC Postseason Tournament.
4. Kelsi Ikeda from Women's Cross Country and I will be representing PSALA at the Division III SAC Conference this Sunday 10th.



O. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Representative: *Sen.*

Angileri

1. PSALA did not meet last week, we will see if they meet this coming week.
2. Women's Soccer lost their last games against Oxy, Pomona-Pitzer and Redlands. They finished 7th overall in the conference and will not be advancing to the SCIAC tournament this year.
3. Women's Volleyball beat Caltech, Pomona-Pitzer, and Oxy to conclude their season. They finished 5th overall in the conference and will not be advancing to the SCIAC tournament this year.

P. Inter-Society Council Female & Male Representative: *Sen. Hidalgo & Sen.*

Alvarez

1. We will host an Open Forum for New Member Education process in Jan Term with just New Member Educators and President currently in their society.
2. We will decide if ISC dues should be done with next semester only, or this semester and next semester.
3. Constitution Revision committee for ISC will meet in the next upcoming week

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim*

1. Last week, Administrative Committee met to discuss the topic of the Counseling Center.
 - a) We discussed ways to draw attention towards the lack of resources found in the Counseling Center, and came up with two methods of address student concerns.
2. Admin Committee plans on creating a bill that would dedicate resources and event sponsorship behind the topic of mental health, as well working with Advocacy Committee to develop a proclamation about the state of mental health on campus to draw administrative attention towards this topic.
3. We hope to work with the Counseling Center on this proclamation so that it represents the needs of everyone.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Last week Budget committee met and funded the 3 fast tracked events which included the Sachsen Rush Funding for \$400, E sports club tournament for \$550 and the Metaphonian Society Rush for \$200.



2. Budget committee will meet this week and It will be held on Tuesdays at 12:30pm-1:30pm in the Ose Conference room. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through the app Slack.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada*

1. Today at campus relations we began to discuss what can be changed on whittier.edu/aswc.
2. Next week everyone will come to me with suggestions the edit the site.
3. Thank you all for that love you all.
4. Also, just a reminder please please send me a bio and a photo of you all, if you would like me to take it for you please let me know! Thank you

D. Elections- *Secretary Brost*

1. Elections committee met last week.
2. We have begun to fix and change the elections code.
 - a) We were fixing wording or punctual/grammatical errors.
3. This week, we will continue fixing the elections code.
 - a) We hope to have it finished by the end of the semester.
4. Elections committee meets every Thursday in the Senate Office at 3:30pm.
5. Also, please promote the resident hall position.
 - a) Applications close on Friday at 4:00 pm.

E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

1. We have elected a new Director of Finance: Addy Robinson, we are very excited to have her join the executive cabinet!
2. We have a vacant coordinator position: The Signature experiences coordinator the application will open up by this week!
3. Check out our instagram @programboard_wc to leave feedback on our events and help improve our future events!
4. If you are interested in being a Programmer join us for tomorrow's meeting at 4:30 pm in the OSE conference room.

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

1. Talking with Kat about inadequacies with the Counseling Centre and the treatment we provide for students. How they are understaffed and that students can't get appointments when they need them and that they aren't suited for all treatments that students may have i.e Trauma and other trauma related illnesses.
2. Looking at a bill and a proclamation for the school in regards to the Counseling Center through Advocacy and Administration Committees.



3. Had a meeting with Residential Life about Title IX training. The meeting was about the athletic meeting for toxic masculinity.

G. Culinary- *Sen. Malone & Sen. Alvarez*

1. For the Culinary Committee, we met with Craig Irby, and discussed future ideas for a gluten-free menu in the Spot and for more efficiency.

H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Modesti & Lidiwe*

1. We emailed everyone the questions with the forum that had to do with their position

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. N/A

J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons*

1. We wrote a budget bill and an amendment that shall be read at today's meeting
2. Working on an environmental action bill to include:
 - a) Incentives for students to become more sustainable
 - b) The rock to only be painted when events such as rush, homecoming, health weeks etc.
 - c) NO SPRAY PAINT - aerosols are terrible for the environment
 - d) Only actual paint
3. Search engines to Ecosia
 - a) Environmental search engine that uses profits to plant trees. Runs through Bing so it is solid.
 - b) Adding a section that any event senate puts on or society's put on has to have environmentally friendly products (such as: non-Styrofoam plates and cups, no plastic cups, paper cups, plant based plastic.
4. Heavy plastics used by displaced dinners. (might just settle with Bon Appetit)
5. Allocate a certain amount of money to surf garden - instead of asking for money consistently
6. Reimbursement for students who significantly change their lifestyle for the betterment of the planet.
 - a) Not full reimbursement but incentive to help - maybe a raffle at the end of the month for a set number of students to be given reimbursement to.



- b) Possibly have senate fund this on a yearly basis so it constantly happens.

- 7. Last ASWC meeting is December 9th then start back up in February.
- 8. Meeting with Craig from Bon Appetit happen
 - a) Trying to start composting again. We are skipping the middle person and doing it with ourselves.
 - b) Displaced lunches to have reusables such as the plates in the CI.
 - c) Starting tomorrow at the displaced lunch.
- 9. Concern of people stealing materials
 - a) If this becomes a concern then we implement a "rental" policy where students give their ID and receive plates, utensils, and a napkin.
 - b) Upon return of CI materials you receive your ID back
 - c) In an instance of lost materials then the student will pay for said lost materials either through campus safety or another outlet before being given their ID back.
- 10. The soda fountain in the spot is getting moved outside where the public can reach it. By Spring semester is the goal
- 11. Talked about a discount for students that bring their own reusable bottle.
- 12. To go lids are going to be available only on request cutting waste.
- 13. There are going to be reusable baskets in the spot to serve food that is eaten in - reduce waste.
- 14. Plastic waste
 - a) Where possible moving to biodegradable plastics as a secondary option. Primary option is to reduce waste in general.
 - b) Ramekins for sauce to be made paper not plastic
 - c) When plastic are needed for to go situations they can be in house and have to be requested.
- 15. Straws
 - a) Stated that an idea to give away 500 bamboo straws to students and then sell them at the spot.
- 16. Plate Waste / Educational Program
 - a) Start an educational program where we inform the students of how much plate waste there is and try to educate them about taking less food.
 - b) After this is done for a couple of weeks, possibly start to buy less greens in order to reduce food waste



17. Have a sign or two in the CI about plate waste that can be a permanent reminder to students.

18. Plastic trash bags

- a) After some research possibly switching over to bamboo or compostable trash bags to reduce plastic waste even further.
- b) Possibly working with students from Professor Angevine's class about their sustainability projects.

19. Bike share meeting was rescheduled to this Friday.

20. Think about putting on a yearly environmental competition to give people an outlet to express ideas

21. Narrow it down to finalist and have them go deeper with their idea and actually putting together a way of implementing it

22. The winner will receive a grand prize of a certain amount of money and then environmental committee will also help turn their idea into a reality.

23. OFFICE HOURS

- 3pm-5pm Tuesdays at the spot
- 10am-12pm Wednesdays outside the spot

24. Environmental Committee Meetings

- Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Senate Office

XI. First Readings

A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. *Second Reading- Event Transparency Bill Amendment*

1. **The new amendments read:**

- a) "Engage Budget Request forms for any other budget requests that are not events, will be sent out to the student body 3 days prior to their first reading"
- b) "LET IT BE RESOLVED, all other funding requests are to be included in the treasurer's physical and Engage archives, and be included in the weekly email, under "Other Funding Requests ""

2. Sen. Eccles presents the new amendments to the Senate.

3. Sen. Eccles is asking to fast-track this amendment.

4. Sen. Royster: I move fast-track this amendment.

Sen. Mendoza: I second.

For: 11

Against: 0



Abstentions: 0

5. This amendment has passed.

B. First Reading- Environmental Committee Amendment

1. **The amendment reads:**

“WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee is listed as an auxiliary committee.

WHEREAS, auxiliary committees are at the discretion of the Executive Senate Board.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Environmental Committee be considered a Standing Committee established by the Senate.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section C, Subsection 2, Subsubsection C be moved to Article VII, Section C, Subsection 1.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASWC Constitution shall be amended to add Article VII, Section C, Subsection G and shall read:

G. The Environmental Committee

- I. Is chaired by the Environmental Action Advocate.

- II. Should strive to include non-senate members of the ASWC;

- III. Will meet weekly or as determined by the Chair.

- IV. Is responsible for creating and continuing initiatives towards sustainability on campus and off campus.

- V. Is responsible for managing and making decisions regarding their budget.

THEREFORE, 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 EngagementMembers of the ASWC.”

2. Sen. Simmons and Dir. Gil present the amendment to the Senate.
3. This amendment is being moved to next week.

C. First Reading- Environmental Budget Bill

1. **The bill reads:**

“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”

On the last page of the bill, there was a section that said:

“- 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 reimbursed 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 the 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 programing

Let it be resolved (What we are changing):

- These funds will be used for:... “can be used for following, but not limited to.”
 - What ever \$\$ not used, rolla 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 the committee are expected to manage the budget”
2. Sen. Simmons and Dir. Gil presents the amendment to the Senate.
 3. Sen. Garrison: Who currently funds the SURF garden?
Dir. Gil: It hasn't been, they had to come in for funding. This bill is to make it where they don't have to keep coming in for money, they would just go to environmental committee.
 4. This bill will move on to its second reading next week.

XIV. Announcements

A. ASGA Los Angeles Student Government Training Conference:

1. The applications are open till tomorrow at 4:00 pm.

XV. Adjournment

A. Motioned By: Sen. Mendoza

Second By: Sen. Garrison

B. Time: 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC