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## Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2019

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

Read By: Sen. Minami
- 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. Malone
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
  - A. Present:** Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, Sen. Lindiwe, Sen. Modesti, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Dir. Tejada, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Segura, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Hidalgo, Sen. Alvarez
  - B. Absent excused:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Eccles
  - C. Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - A. Approved by:** Sen. Royster
  - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Garrison
- VI. Public Voice**
  - A.** Rep from TOBGIAD club came in to voice their concerns about the deficit issues. They were trying to get funding for a LGBTQ+ center at Whittier, but because of this deficit they are put on hold.

President Moya reassured the rep. by saying that has met with the club already and that Senate is trying to work with all the clubs to clear the deficit.



**VII. President's Message - *President Moya***

**A.** Good evening everyone, Happy Veterans Day. I would like us to take a moment to honor our veterans on campus and beyond. We thank you for your service. Over the past week and leading into this week, myself, Treasurer Estrada, and Ricardo have been meeting with clubs and organizations that are currently in a financial deficit. The purpose of these meetings was to understand the situation of these organizations and learn more about the ways ASWC Senate and OSE can prevent these things from happening again. These meetings have been very enlightening and have definitely shed light on greater institutional faults regarding finances. In addition, our Residential Representative application closed on Friday. With that I would like to move to close the meeting to discuss the deficit further and discuss our Residential Hall Representative position.

Sec. Brost: I second

VP Joachim: Okay, the meeting is now closed to everyone except the advisors.

We will let you [the public] know when you could come back in.

At 7:56 pm, the meeting was reopened to the public.

**B.** Lauren Ross has been appointed by the Senate table to fill in the position of Resident Hall Representative.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada***

**A. General Fund Balance:** \$49,243.00

**B. Operational Account Balance:** \$1,611.59

**C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00

**D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$20,470.00

**E. First Readings:** \$0.00

**F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

**IX. Constituent Reports**

**A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami***

1. The AAC is accepting applications, live on Engage
2. Week long events theme of solidarity the week of 11/18-22: joint collab with AAC/SJC/DC/PB
3. Community Luncheon 11/19
  - a) Dialogue 11/20
  - b) Film Screening 11/21
  - c) My earth, My home 11/22

(1) Stay tuned for times from posts in the week



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

1. During my office hours last week a couple students came to me with concerns about holds on their accounts. They said that they found out that they still hadn't been cleared by the Health Center, and had never received an email from them or anyone regarding their missing immunization records. They have since gotten it cleared, but it was a struggle to get it done and the lack of communication was worrisome.
2. I also had an informal with the FCC and we discussed our plans for the year and hope to set up a formal meeting in the next couple weeks.

**C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin***

1. So I am in the process of reaching out to the city of Whittier about the bus seating in front of the Campus Inn but I am still waiting for an official response on that. I am still working on that process and will continue to get that funding. And I want to acknowledge Veterans Day to all the veterans on our campus, our city and in our country. Thank you!

**D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Ross***

1. This is Sen. Ross's first Senate meeting.
2. She wants to start working with the responses to the surveys regarding housing.

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

1. Current Work:
  - a. Update on meeting with campus safety:
    - i. Listened to all concerns I had
    - ii. discussed alternate ways to help reduce campus traffic with possibly providing student jobs
    - iii. looking for previous document that was created with senate (around 2013/2014)
    - iv. Considering office hours for students to get to know our campus officers more
2. Office Hours:
  - a. Tuesday 4:00-6:00 @ the spot
  - b. Friday 2:00-4:00 @ the spot



**F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres***

1. Currently in the works:
  - a) Still working on the gluten menu for the spot.
  - b) The wasps nests have been reported to the proper authority and I haven't seen one around Johnson so I believe it did get resolved.
2. Concerns:
  - a) A couple of students have come up to me regarding the scheduling for chem-engineering, and I wanted to maybe find out about how to address this concern.
3. Ideas:
  - a) A community Christmas tree for the school. Students would come together to put one of their own ornaments onto the tree. (will explain more)

**G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Malone***

1. Last week I sent an email out to Residential Life about fixing the outdoor basketball court. I was then told that they aren't over the outdoor basketball court. I was referred to John Shay. Now I'm waiting on a response.

**H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Lindiwe***

1. This week I set up a meeting with the director of residential life to talk about the over priced Arbor Ridge pricing through the school.

**I. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Modesti***

1. I am working on informing students when there are holds on their accounts so I emailed the business office and am waiting for them to respond to me.

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

1. ICC had their retreat on Sunday, and went over everyone personal things that they have to get done.
2. ICC has a meeting next Wednesday
3. Senator Mendoza and I will be attending Budget Committee tomorrow to propose a project together.
4. ICC also voted in 3 new clubs, transfer, computer science, and skate club.
5. ICC also have a few more clubs to vote next week.

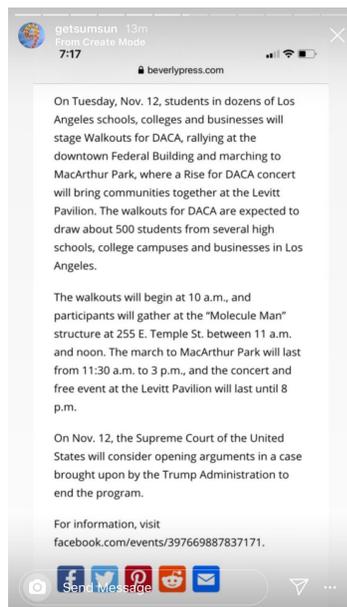
6. The clubs below, may not request funds from ICC or Senate due to the inability to let me and or Executive Board members know, this language was put in our new constitution, and all clubs were notified:
  - a. A&T Club, STEM Association, Sustainability Club, The Business Leadership Association, Pre-Health Club, Women's Leadership Association, and Literature Association.

**K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia***

1. Had our DC meeting last Tuesday.
2. Having Community Luncheon on Tuesday the 19, 11am-12:30 in the Campus Courtyard.
3. Still waiting to hear back from Xica Necia about hosting a workshop, followed up with them today.
4. UIPN is handling food, waiting on a catering quote.

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

1. The next social justice coalition meeting will be held on November 19th inside the Dezember house from 4:30-5:30pm.





**M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison***

1. KPOET
  - a. Had open mic night
  - b. Gathering music
  - c. DJing for Day of the Dead event
2. Poet entertainment
  - a. Helped out in homecoming
  - b. Helped open mic night night
  - c. Working more events
3. VPS
  - a. Applied for the spanish film festival
4. WCSN
  - a. Broadcasted homecoming
  - b. Doing podcast with KPOET Radio
5. QC
  - a. Just published a new issue

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

1. Men's Football lost to Redlands on Saturday 10-45.
  - a) They play their last game of the season on Saturday Nov 16th at Cal Lutheran at 12.
  - b) Men's Basketball lost to Linfield 98-103 on Friday and beat Texas-Dallas 91-86 on Saturday.
  - c) They play at Washington and Lee on Friday 22nd Nov and at Southern Virginia on Saturday 23rd Nov.
2. Men's soccer lost to Redlands 0-2 in the SCIAC Semifinals.
  - a) Men's Soccer who were selected to the 1st Team included Teddy Nickerson, Hayden Barnouw, RayRay Roberson, and Banks Telkamp. On the 2nd Team, Daniel Hayes, and Matteo Loi.
3. Men's Water Polo lost to CMS on Wednesday 9-10 but beat Pomona on Saturday 7-5.
  - a) They play their last 2 regular season games at Chapman on Wednesday Nov 13th and against Occidental on Saturday Nov 16th at 11:00am.
  - b) From there they move to the SCIAC tournament!
4. Kelsi Ikeda and myself attended the SCIAC SAAC conference on Sunday 10th.



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

1. PSALA has not met and all of the women's sports have finished their seasons. There is nothing to report.
2. I am hoping for PSALA to meet soon so we can discuss using our budget to purchase some equipment for the weight room.

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

1. Here is what ISC is currently doing:
  - a) E-board is going to meet this week to hammer out a lot of things going on, such as the voting process for potentially moving New Member Education to Jan Term and giving back stipends to Societies for Society Welcome Week
    - (1) Lancer Rush is this weekend on 11/16
    - (2) Palmer Rush 11/16
    - (3) Sachens Rush 11/24
    - (4) Athenian Rush 11/23
    - (5) Penn Rush 11\23

**X. Committee Reports**

**A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim***

1. Last week, Administrative Committee and Admin Committee met together to speak with Dr. Romberger from the Counseling Center. She gave us a lot of great information about the state of the counseling center. We have a couple of new updates going forward: we will be reaching out to Campus Safety about including contact information for mental health resources/campus resources on student body ID's, as well as creating programming that works in cooperation with the Counseling Center.

**B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada***

1. Last week Budget committee met and funded the fast tracked silent disco event which was requested by (BSA) Black Student Association for \$495.
2. Pending Requests
  - a) Inter-club council is requesting \$509.97 for dog waste receptacles and is not yet voted.
3. Budget committee
  - a) Meet tomorrow 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. Hey everyone! Today at campus relations committee we discussed the changes that can be made to the Whittier website including ways to make it more engaging so now I will be taking the measures to continue this conversation with communications. I have already started imputing some of you as officers of Senate on Engage. Campus relations committee meets at 5pm Mondays in the senate office.

**D. Elections- *Secretary Brost***

1. Elections committee met last week.
2. Still making corrections on the elections code.
3. Going to have the corrections done by the end of the semester.
4. This week, we are going to finish correcting the rest of the errors and add new sections.
5. Elections Committee meets every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Senate Office.

**E. Program Board – *Director Gil***

1. On Thursday November 14th, we will be collaborating with some students for "A Self Care Evening" in the Campus Courtyard and Club 88 from 6 - 9 pm. There will be boba, snacks, video games, self care kits, and a movie.
2. On Thursday November 21st, will be the "My Earth, My Home" event in the Campus Courtyard, this event was rescheduled. This will be in collaboration with Sustainability Club, SJC, DC, AAC, and more clubs! Details to come next week!
3. We are sponsoring the Dance Team performance at the LA Kings Game in LA Live on Saturday November 23rd. Spots are limited and students can sign up on Engage. This is a great opportunity to support our Dance team.
4. There will be a November Pick Me Up on Monday the 25th. Details to come!
5. We currently have the Signature Experiences and Off Campus Events Coordinator position open, students can apply on Engage. This form closes on November 22nd.
6. Program Board meets on Tuesdays in the OSE conference room at 4:30 pm.

**F. Advocacy- *President Moya***

1. Last week Advocacy met on Wednesday where we had two guests: Dr. Romberger from the Counseling Center and a student named Carlos, the same student that came in last week during Public Voice.



2. We asked Dr. Romberger to come to the advocacy committee meeting so that we could get more information as to how the Counseling Center works, the current resources they currently offer, and what kind of additional support ASWC Senate can provide with the bill that we are currently working on regarding mental health on campus. I would like to summarize all the resources our students currently have. Students enrolled in the insurance offered by WC are able to access unlimited session through BetterHelp. These sessions can be virtual or over the phone. All students are able to utilize the Counseling Center's "Let's Talk Program." This program is put in place to act as a quick and interim resource. The Let's Talk Program acts as a more informal resource where students can pop in without an appointment whether it be while they wait for their appointment at the Counseling Center or as they look for off campus resources. Students can utilize this resource as much as they would like. Let's Talk sessions currently take place in Turner and the Career Center. The Counseling Center and the Dean of Students office offer QPR training, which is a suicide prevention training that student leaders across campus life receive. They have found the program to be very beneficial and helpful for students. This training is free for students. Athletics currently funds half of the salary for the sports Psychologist position to deal with the mental health screenings for athletes as well as offer additional support. The current Counseling Center staff is comprised of 2 full time licensed psychologists, one full time postdoctoral position, 3 students pre-doc practicum students, 1 advanced practicum student, 1 assessment psych in pre-doc and 1 sports psych postdoc. The Counseling Center also recently received funding approval to hire a program assistant who is essentially the staff member that coordinates appointments and is often on the front line directing students. Students receive 6 to 8 free sessions, the counseling center uses a consultation model. The counseling center has found that students on average use about 4 sessions a semester. For students that may require more sessions, the counseling center is often times able to work with the student to provide them with more support. Students are also welcome to walk into the counseling center to learn about off campus resources that accept their form of insurance. The counseling center has a sheet that lists of local offices within walking distance with identified provider information. This week advocacy committee and administrative committee will continue working together to debrief the last meeting and develop next steps.



3. We had a student Carlos come in to provide us with an update about the grassroots initiative he has started regarding the issue of high costs of textbooks. Carlos is essentially trying to promote free textbook resources such as OpenStax to faculty to lessen the financial burden of textbooks for students. A dialogue was held last week and another one will be held later this month to get more student feedback. Carlos came to advocacy seeking Senate's guidance and support. If you are interested in this initiative or have constituents interested in the initiative, you can contact Carlos at [cespino1@poets.whittier.edu](mailto:cespino1@poets.whittier.edu). This week Advocacy will be meeting at 4:30 PM in the Senate Office instead of our usual time of 5 PM to work with administrative committee's meeting time.

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

1. We are still working on the gluten-free menu at The Spot.
2. Since it is the start of a new month I will be emailing Craig Irby this week to ask which one of our meetings he will be attending.
  - a) This is somewhat of a follow up from our last meeting.
  - b) He agreed to attend one of the Culinary Committee meetings each month to help boost transparency between Bon Appetit and the Student Body.
3. We are asking for a 2nd microwave at the spot because of the wait being too long. Also possibly having an appreciation day for workers and Bon Appetite

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

1. Although we didn't have a meeting last week, we are working on sending out the flyers again and making sure that we the rock and everyone can post it on their stories.

**I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada***

1. N/A

**J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons***

1. Hey everyone, hope you had a great Monday.
2. Budget bill and an Amendment go for second reading today.
3. Tabling for environmental action bill Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch.
  - a) Incentives for students to become more sustainable
4. The rock to only be painted when events such as rush, homecoming, health weeks etc.
  - a) NO SPRAY PAINT - aerosols are terrible for the environment
  - b) Only actual paint
  - c) Section that has repercussions if not followed



5. 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, society's, and organizations put on has to have environmentally friendly products (such as: non-Styrofoam plates and cups, no plastic cups, paper cups, plant based plastic.
  - c) Section that has repercussions if not followed
  - d) Section to set displaced meals to reusables. Set this in stone
6. Allocate a certain amount of money to surf garden - instead of asking for money consistently
  - a) Reimbursement for students who significantly change their lifestyle for the betterment of the planet.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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
9. Now composting Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
10. Displaced lunches how have reusables such as the plates like the CI.
  - a) Concern of people stealing materials. (seemed to have no concern)
  - b) If this becomes a concern then we implement a "rental" policy where students give their ID and receive plates, utensils, and a napkin.
  - c) Upon return of CI materials you receive your ID back
  - d) 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.
11. The soda fountain in the spot is getting moved outside where the public can reach it. By Spring semester is the goal
  - a) Talked about a discount for students that bring their own reusable bottle.
  - b) To go lids are going to be available only on request cutting waste.
12. There are going to be reusable baskets in the spot to serve food that is eaten in - reduce waste.



13. 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 inhouse and have to be requested.
14. Straws
  - a) Stated that an idea to give away 500 bamboo straws to students and then sell them at the spot.
15. Plate Waste / Educational Program
  - a) Working on starting an educational program to help reduce plate waste and waste in general.
  - b) After this is done for a couple of weeks, possibly start to buy less greens in order to reduce food waste
  - c) Have a sign or two in the CI about plate waste that can be a permanent reminder to students.
16. 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.
  - c) Working on setting criteria for the students to accomplish and the winner will get a prize.
17. Bike share meeting happened
  - a) A possibility for sure.
  - b) Working on getting third party to come in to "test the waters" because admin feels this is better.
  - c) After the interest is proven they are willing to bring this on campus and get a set system in place
  - d) Working on getting this to happen by spring semester
  - e) Need to do a little bit more research overall
18. Think about putting on a yearly environmental competition to give people an outlet to express ideas
  - a) Narrow it down to finalist and have them go deeper with their idea and actually putting together a way of implementing it
  - b) 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.



19. Recycling bottles and cans competition throughout dorm rooms
  - a) Talked to Joe Melendez and he is talking to his team and getting back to me.
  - b) Bi-weekly pickup and whoever has the most will get a pizza party or something regarding this. Working on getting bins for this.
20. OFFICE HOURS
  - a) 3pm-5pm Tuesdays at the spot
  - b) 10am-12pm Wednesdays at the spot
21. Environmental Committee Meetings
  - a) 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- Environmental Budget Bill:

1. The bill states: “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 LifeChristine Hernandez, Director for the Office of Student Engagement Members of the ASWC”

2. Advisor Christine suggested changing the language of the SURF garden to “sustainable” or “garden”.
3. This bill will be moved to next week for its third reading.

**B. Second Reading- Environmental Committee Amendment:**

1. The amendment states: “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 LifeChristine Hernandez, Director for the Office of Student Engagement Members of the ASWC”

2. This amendment will be moved to next week for its third reading.



**XIV. Announcements**

- A. Pres. Moya: Pre-Law has a law info session at 5:00pm in Hoover 100.
- B. Sen. Minami: There is spilling a tea event at 12:30 to 1:30 in the OEI lounge. Last one of the semester. There will be food.
- C. Sen. Garcia: Amazing Uprising, party with a purpose, will be happening in Downtown LA on Saturday, it is like a block party. Every person who shows up, they will plant and save a tree. It is a very big event, like a party. Please reach out to me if you want more info.

**XV. Adjournment**

- A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Alvarez  
**Second By:** Sen. Garrison
- B. **Time:** 9:17pm

**Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC**