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Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2020

- I. Meeting is called to order at: 5:38 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
 - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Sen. Mendoza
- 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. Hagan-Martin
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. Present:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Modesti, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Dir. Tejada, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Segura, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Hidalgo, Sen. Alvarez
 - B. Absent excused:** Sen. Ross, Sen. Malone,
 - C. Unexcused:** Sen. Green
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. Approved by:** Sen. Mendoza
 - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Garrison
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A. Jenny: Director of OEI**
 1. Cultural Grads have been postponed based on the feedback the seniors gave.
 2. The planning committee are still trying to get the graduations ready.
 3. The students are working on doing some kind of recognition to the seniors via Moodle.
 4. Pres. Moya: Are the cultural stoles going to be gifted to the students?

Jenny: That is one of the goals of the committee but I cannot guarantee anything until we hear back from the vendors.

VII. President's Message - *President Moya*

- A.** Hi everyone I hope you all had a wonderful week. As we really get into the middle of online/remote learning, I want to remind you all that all of our campus services are still available, if you or any students you know are in need of more support, I encourage you all to utilize these resources and not hesitate to seek support. Our executive board is also here for you all should you need anything. Last week two surveys went out: the student engagement survey and a survey regarding commencement. Both surveys received a good amount of feedback. Today I spoke to Ana Lillia, the Director of Communications and administration who is very much relying and referring to the feedback received in deciding how to make decisions here on out. I would like to assure you all that this feedback has not been taken lightly and they are working diligently to develop a solution in how to execute commencement.
- B.** Sen. Hidalgo: Regarding the feedback about the commencement: are we allowed to hear about the outcomes?
- Pres. Moya: I think every senior wants an in person graduation. I think that the feedback they have received is going to guide them, moving forward.

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$14,836.48
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$14,830.21
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631
- D. Allocated Thus Far:** \$55,168.98
- E. First Readings:** \$0.00
- F. Daily Calendar Considerations:** \$0.00

IX. Constituent Reports

- A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami***
1. N/A
- B. First-Year Class Council: *Sen. Iseri***
1. N/A
- C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin***
1. This week I made a bingo story to make the students feel engaged with the community during this remote time.
 2. I also was working on ways to make up for the annual Commuter Lunch with mailing a small item to all commuters to show the community in this uncertain time.
 3. Continuing working on Uber /Lyft discount codes for students once we get back in school.

- D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Ross***
 - 1. N/A
 - E. Non-Traditional Student Representative: *Sen. Mendoza***
 - 1. N/A
 - F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres***
 - 1. N/A
 - G. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Malone***
 - 1. N/A
 - H. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Modesti***
 - 1. N/A
 - I. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Green***
 - 1. N/A
 - J. Inter-Club Council Representative: *Sen. Royster***
 - 1. ICC will meet on Wednesday.
 - K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia***
 - 1. N/A
 - L. Social Justice Coalition Representative: *Sen. Segura***
 - 1. N/A
 - M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison***
 - 1. N/A
 - N. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Male Representative: *Sen. Eccles***
 - 1. N/A
 - O. Poet Student Athlete Leadership Academy Female Representative: *Sen. Angileri***
 - 1. N/A
 - P. Inter-Society Council Female & Male Representative: *Sen. Hidalgo & Sen. Alvarez***
 - 1. We are voting for isc to pay for all Society senior stoles.
 - a) Will have a final decision tonight.
 - b) Have been checking up via GroupMe.
- X. Committee Reports**
- A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim***
 - 1. Administrative Committee will be presenting the second reading of the petition/initiative amendment during tonight's meeting. We will be requesting that this amendment be voted on tonight. We have also drafted an amendment that will change the amount of Student Body

Representatives seated on the table from four to three, which would be implemented for this election cycle.

B. Budget- *Treasurer Estrada*

1. Budget committee will meet tomorrow from 12:40 pm-1:30 pm. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through SMS. The meeting will be held on zoom.
2. Whittier College Pre-Law Club for \$999.00 was funded last week for their Blueprint law prep program.
3. Pending Requests for this Tuesday: E-Sports Club for \$350

C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada*

1. Hi everyone I really hope you all are staying safe and healthy! A lot of the work I have been doing recently has been for elections to ensure that info is being given out to the students well and everything! I am so proud of you all by the way, I wish you all luck. I have been posting the flyers you all have made on the instagram, and once I have received all of them I will do a Twitter thread. I have also made a template for all of your positions to post on your Instagram stories, there's room on them to add the ask questions sticker and whatever else you'd like to add to it! These are just to help your constituents easily access you on Instagram. I will be emailing or texting these to you directly after the meeting so watch out for those! Also thanks to Senator Hidalgo's wonderful idea to make infographics regarding filing for unemployment benefits, I have just started it today and I am about halfway done so I will hopefully finish tonight to be able to post it tomorrow! Again if you all have any new ideas of things we should do to ensure everything stays updated on the social media please let me know!

D. Elections- *Secretary Brost*

1. Info Sessions were last week and they went well.
2. Dir. Tejada has posted candidate's flyers on Instagram.
3. Applications for the following positions are still needed:
 - a) Residential Hall Rep.
 - b) Commuter Rep.
 - c) Non-Traditional Student Rep.
 - d) Academic Affairs Council Rep.
4. Applications are due on April 9th by Midnight.
5. Make sure to email VP Jochim your statement for the ballots by the 14th.
6. Elections are 16-17.

7. If you want to change the position you were running for, you would just resubmit the applications.

8. Sen. Mendoza: How are we reaching out to international students and nontraditional students?

VP Joachim: We posted a news article on Engage that is permanent. We have been relying heavily on social media.

Pres. Moya: If you have any recommendations, please let us know.

Sen. Mendoza: Is it alright will you all if I reach out to Jade in the admissions office to spread the news about this position?

VP Joachim: Yes, that would be great!

E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

1. We currently have a giveaway for a nintendo switch going on.
2. On Thursday we have a instagram live takeover with Carrina, a giveaway is included so tune it to enter.
3. On Thursday the 15th we will have a talent challenge on instagram with a prize for the winner.
4. Continue to keep an eye out for the care package sign ups!

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

1. We will be meeting at a different time.
2. Will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:30, instead of 5:30.
 - a) Via Zoom.
3. Please share any student feedback and concerns about this online process, and send them my way.

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

1. N/A

H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Modesti*

1. N/A

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. N/A

J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons*

1. Going to get a visual done for the CI to hang when we go back to school eventually.
2. Action bill is done and drafted just being revised.
 - a) Sent it over to VP Joachim and will look at his revisions.

XI. First Readings

- A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

- A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. Chris Greenwood: Talking about the Media Council Reserve Account.

1. Media Council is asking the Senate to waive the Senate taking back anything more than \$20,000 for this semester.
2. Pres. Moya: The events that weren't able to happen this semester, would they happen in the fall?

Chris: We want to have these events to happen in the fall. We want to have these funds in the reserves so we can use these funds in the fall.

Sen. Garrison: We are pushing back the ASA event in the fall. With more funds, we would be able to make this event bigger and better.

Pres. Moya: Do you know how much the media council was spending on the ASA event?

Sen. Garrison: It would be about a thousand. But for next semester, we could probably double that.

Tres. Estrada: You want more than \$20,000 in your reserve?

Chris: We would like to keep all of the money in our reserve. This would be this one time thing.

Tres. Estrada: How much money would you want in your reserve account in the fall semester?

Chris: I don't think we are going to go over the \$20,000. I would like to keep the \$3,000 extra in our account.

Pres. Moya: Does everyone understand the bill Chris is referring to?

Dir. Gil: If that money wasn't going to go to the reserve, where would it go?

Pres. Moya: It would go back to the Senate's reserve account.

Tres. Estrada: None of the money is going to go to waste, it is going to go into the ASWC reserve account. I think that \$20,000 would be enough to cover any expenses that come up.

Chris: We still need to pay out a lot of things, like stuff for our radio and website. Our printing cost has gone down because we went online. We would just like to keep the money in our account.

VP Joachim: Thank you for coming in and bringing this to our attention.

Chris: I just wanted to bring this to light as soon as possible.

VP Joachim: I suggest that everyone takes the week and talks to their constituents, then we will vote on it next week. Eboard will also be discussing it during their meeting tomorrow.

B. *First Reading: Student Body Representative Position Amendment:*

1. The Amendment Reads:

“WHEREAS, the ASWC Senate has operated with four Student Body Representatives throughout the course of the 2019-2020 academic year, WHEREAS, the Non-Traditional Student Experience Representative was created this year to further represent the student body, WHEREAS, the ASWC Senate currently has a specified role for first-years held by the First-Year Class Council President, WHEREAS, the Student Body Representative position lacks specificity, WHEREAS, the ASWC Senate continuously seeks methods of improving the representation of the ASWC student body, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the ASWC Senate limit the amount of Student Body Representatives seated on the table to three for the 2020-2021 academic school year, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, this change be implemented immediately and be taken into account for the Spring 2020 ASWC Senate elections, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, a notice of the position change be sent to the student body through the Poet Alerts email, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the ASWC Senate table of 2020-2021 re-establish the Student Body Representative position where representatives from each class year sit on the table, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the Non-Traditional Student Experience Representative also encompass students that do not fall into the second, third, or fourth year categories.”

2. VP Joachim would like to fast-track this amendment.

3. Dir. Gil : I move to vote on passing this amendment.

Sen. Eccles: I second.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

4. VP Joachim: I will be letting the people know who are running for the position of this new change. They were already aware that it was a possibility.

C. *Second Reading: Petition/Initiative Amendment:*

1. This amendment reads:

“ARTICLE XIII: Initiatives

Any matter over which a governing body or committee of the ASWC has jurisdiction may be brought to a vote of the student body by an initiative containing ten percent (10%) of the student body’s signatures. The Elections Committee will be responsible for holding an election for the purpose of voting on the proposal within two weeks. The decision on the matter will be determined by a majority vote in that election.

Definition of an Initiative:

An initiative is a concern that pertains to larger, ongoing matters that affect the entire student body and/or staff on campus as a whole (i.e. sustainability, ADA compliance). An initiative specifically calls for a vote by the student body.

An initiative contains a description of the presented concern and a feasible course-of-action.

Administration will work with ASWC Senate to achieve the goals set forth by the initiative.

Initiatives and the Initiative Process:

The initiative must contain on each page a heading which includes the word “Initiative” and the full text of the proposal.

The initiative is to be submitted to the Dean of Students or their designee who will be responsible for verifying that the conditions of part A above are met and for counting the number of full time students who have signed the petition.

The Dean of Students or their designee will submit to the ASWC President and to the chair of the Elections Committee a notice including a copy of the heading (see paragraph 1 of this section) of the initiative and the number of full time students who have signed the petition with legible signatures and ID number.

The Dean of Students or their designee maintains full authority to designate whether the presented document is a petition or initiative, and exercises full right to move forward regarding that designation.

Under no circumstances will any names of people signing an initiative be made known to any member of the ASWC.

Article XIV: Petitions

Any matter over which a governing body or committee of the ASWC has jurisdiction may be brought by the student body to the Senate by a petition containing ten percent (10%) of the student body's signatures.

Definition of a petition:

A petition is a representation of student opinions on a particular matter that ASWC Senate holds jurisdiction over.

Petitions regard specific daily calendar considerations, bills, and/or budget requests brought to the ASWC Senate.

The petition and petition process:

The petition must contain on each page a heading which includes the word "Petition" and a description of the item the petition wishes to address

If the petition is regarding a bill, the entirety of the bill must be physically attached to the petition.

If the petition is regarding a budget request, they must request a print-out of the request from the current Treasurer to attach to the petition.

The petition is to be submitted to the Dean of Students or their designee who will be responsible for verifying that the conditions of part A and B above are met and for counting the number of full time students who have signed the petition.

The Dean of Students or their designee will submit to the ASWC President and to the chair of the Elections Committee a notice including a copy of the petition and the number of full time students who have signed the petition with legible signatures and ID number.

The Dean of Students or their designee maintains full authority to designate whether the presented document is a petition or initiative, and exercises full right to move forward regarding that designation.

Names of people signing a petition shall be made known to members of the ASWC Senate to allow for Senators to check for representation of their constituency."

2. VP Joachim would like to fast-track this amendment.
3. Sen. Eccles: I move to vote on passing this amendment.

Sen. Mendoza: I second.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

4. Pres. Moya: Do you any of the students who are running for a position that are here, have anyone question about this?
Everyone is good?
Cool.
5. Sen. Garrison: The QC is publishing online. But the domanies through the college are not working. We will be having a giveaway soon for KPOET. We will be giving groceries to students. Also, the Spanish film festival is still online. The link is online.
6. Sen. Eccles: For anyone who are still left on campus, the CI is open and there is food. And RAs will be checking in on people.

XIV. Announcements

- A. Pres. Moya: I am just going to give an update about the awards last week. Of course, it is hard to find a venue who will do them. Eboard has been discussing this. What we are thinking is give them certificates and them, when everything is up and running again, get them a plaque.
- B. Christine: Student life nominations are open and they are on Engage.
Pres. Moya: As far as nominations go, students faculty and staff can nominate students for the awards?
Christine: Yes and you can also self nominate yourself.

STUDENT LIFE AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the Student Life Awards are open and we invite you to nominate students, student organizations, and programs. Self-nominations will be accepted. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit nominations on Engage for the following categories:

- Outstanding Contribution to Wellness
- Professional Development Award
- Social Justice Leadership Award
- Innovator Award
- Outstanding Service Collaborator
- Community Development Award
- Outstanding Program or Event
- Senior Key Award
- New Student Organization of the Year
- Emerging Leader Award
- Virtual Engagement Award



The deadline to submit a nomination is Monday, April 20 at 11:45 PM.
For questions or assistance, please email Jordan Laffin, Assistant Director,
Office of Student Engagement, at jlaffin@whittier.edu

XV. Adjournment

- A. Motioned By:** Sen. Mendoza
Second By: Sen. Hagan-Martin
- B. Time:** 6:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC