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## Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2020

- I. Meeting is called to order at: 5:33 pm**
- II. Moment of Silence/Inspirational quote**
  - A. INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

Read By: Sen. Malone
- 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. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, Sen. Modesti, Sen. Green, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Dir. Tejada, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Segura, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Angileri, Sen. Alvarez
  - B. Absent excused:** Sec. Brost, Sen. Hidalgo
  - C. Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
  - A. Approved by:** Sen. Malone
  - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Mendoza

**VI. Public Voice**

**A. Whittier We Matter:**

1. Representative from Public ( Grace and Alyssa ): Reading of Whittier We



Matter Petition

2. Sen Modesti: How have other schools in our area moved to this, and how has other schools' grading scales been changed due to this time?
  - a) Manasa Makineni: Pomona stands in solidarity with us and UT Austin tried to implement a A or A- grading scale, Harvard also fought for this. There are currently a lot of fights for this right now along with some that are even more progressive.
3. Sen. Garrison: I just want to thank you guys for putting this together, when you said 950 that number was amazing and that this many students really care. One of the things I would like to bring to light that after talking with my faculty mentors, they are really pushing to support our students and for sure pushed for the no credit/ credit option. As well as pushing this option for past finals. Whittier is a Hispanic serving institution and zoom sessions are hard to attend. Thank you very much and keep on pushing
  - a) Alyssa Armstrong : Thank you very much, from the graphics, to the position thank you very much
4. Sen. Eccles: Honestly first as we worked the petition, and we had it so that students go out and speak for students. It's great to see that students are pushing for equity for all. I know a lot of professors are working to make class as similar as possible, not all professors are like that. Course evals are very important so please pay attention to them.
5. Sal Johnston: I want to point out that changes have already been made to the grading policy, these changes have been made from the start of the first full week of us being Online. The second thing I would like to point out is that Administration does not change the grading policy but instead by the faculty government structure. Bruce, Gil and I have no implementation to change that. The way things work in the classroom is up to the discretion of the faculty, the administration does not have a say in classrooms. However, the Administration does make sure that what happens in the classroom is appropriate. What faculty makes sure of is that

time is used to the best of the abilities of faculty and staff. I have received multiple emails about clarification for credit no credit and how the grading system works. We have changed the deadline for credit/ no credit to go through finals week to make sure that all work gets done. Not everyone's situation is the same academically, there are specific courses that you have to take based on your major that you have to make sure you get through the course content in order to move on. Faculty members don't want to fail students, they want to make sure that students succeed and that when you move up into the next school year, you are supported and that you have the materials to do so. From a college standpoint this is not about drawing a land in the sand but instead how to accommodate all the needs that students have. We are then going to take the summer to observe the time that we have to build and see how we do your education along with how you do your education. Students have done a great job at adjusting to during this time. But what everyone wants is how to get you through the rest of this semester with the best circumstances possible. We want to make sure we see students back here in the fall.

6. Manasa Makineni: Thank you, we agree that we are trying to work together to help the students here, we strongly know that giving the ability for students C- and D- we are giving students dispositions in order to get their classes done properly. It is more than grades at this point, we need to treat our students as humans. We find it acceptable when students are given equal opportunity, it is not equitable when students are left behind.
7. Alyssa Armstrong: there are students who are at risk, and if they fail even a little bit, it will have them fall into probation for the fall, though we don't know if this could have happened during a normal school year, none of this is normal therefore we don't know. They are speaking for all students, there is just as much value for one student speaking as the same for 50 students speaking. We are advocating for students who do not have a voice, we are trying our best to digitally reach out to them, and that every student who has the ability to reach out has the opportunity to do so.
8. Manasa Makineni- With probation comes suspension of scholarships, if we want students to have an education from any marginalized groups and if we allow for students with D- we are failing our students.

9. Grace Silver : I recognize that changes have been made, but I do feel that this is not equitable, that though no student will actually fail, this change will take students through an immense amount of trauma. As a college that strives for equitable standards we need to make the change now.
10. Jocelyn Saldana: Although we keep bringing up the fact that we are bringing a D is not for academic success. If you are graduating as a Senior you would still have to take the class after graduation. I don't think giving a D is not giving students equitable opportunities.
11. Sen. Agileri: How are you reaching out to students without the ability to get out and have the same resources as all?
12. Alyssa Armstrong: All of our votes and testimonies were gained through instagram, we reached out to them and they completely brought to them.
13. Sen Agileri: If they are open to instagram, can they be open to their zoom meeting or class time.
14. Grace Silver: being able to show up in a zoom place, this does not mean that I wouldn't be able to complete an instagram poll. The Internet for instagram is not the same as opening a zoom for class.
15. Sen Angileri: When did this start?
16. Grace Silver: I have been emailing faculty for 5 weeks, started working on the petition by Saturday, got it out by Thursday and though we recognize that finals are coming up, there are other events that have come up for adjustments.
17. Jocelyn Saldans: A lot of students have been attending Presidents office hours, and getting out to all faculty and staff to make sure that their voices were heard.
18. Sen Eccles: How do we get to faculty that are in charge of this, if there is even one person that isn't looking to support students then we are failing students. What do we do/ where do we go from here? What can we get done and how do we go about to make sure that there is a more equitable change for students?
19. Grace Silver: We are planning on submitting our petition to faculty for them to take into account when they review their decision.
20. Sen. Minami: Before the school year ended I went to one of the faculty meetings, are the faculty meetings still happening. Can the Whittier we matter students come to these meetings such as they were on campus.

21. Sal Johnston: We have not been having the same faculty meeting for a lot of reasons. The proposal that was done followed the specific drop of leadership and the specific committees. A specific commit went over specific options sent that to the faculty and then they were approved and put into place. Normally it could take a semester to make a policy change but in this case they made the amount of changes within a week. One thing I will say from a faculty standpoint is to build a safety net into the grading system at this time. As a whole they feel they have done this, part of what I have heard you say is that there are challenges for all of us with the delivery a lot of what you are talking about is that you need flexibility from some faculty more than others. When I listen to this and the discussion, I take your concerns very seriously. One of the solutions is talking to faculty. It's why we allow grade petitions, why there is a dean of faculty, a dean of students. Trust that we both get those emails and phone calls but we do our best to resolve these issues. My guess is that this will not be addressed during this meeting, and from a faculty standpoint this has gone through a process.
22. Eric Dutra: hi my name is Eric Dutra I'm a third year. Sorry, just to chime in. what I'm hearing is that there are students who don't have the privilege to have WiFi so it's more complicated to proceed with their school duties. there has been adequate information on instagram , Twitter, and Facebook about free WiFi through charter (an option for WiFi) but nonetheless, why shouldn't there compromise between both and the lowest grade someone gets is a C- w a slight curve, and if someone ends up lower it is just credit w no grade?
23. President Moya: thank you for everyone who commented. Is there any meeting happening soon where these students can voice these opinions, is there any way that during our town hall this week, that these representatives are given the time to be heard.
24. Sal Johnston: Let the head of faculty individual know about this.

**B. *Sal Johnston, Gil Gonzalez, Bruce Smith:***

1. Sen. Garrison : Writing associates are paid, we know that the writing program is not going to close, but we are afraid. What is the plan from here for the writing program? What is the future for the writing program given the circumstances?

2. Sal Johnston: There's a lot of confusion, the writing program is not going away. Year by year the amount of exception funding changes year by year. There has been talk on campus about moving in the direction of expanding and making sure that the writing program is not going away.
3. Charles Eastman : I am here because I was alerted about what was Tweeted last week. I was not in any conversation with the writing program going away. The vision that I have that Kat referred to is trying to centralize the work of the writing associates in CAAS, I thought that spreading the work amongst 10-12 full time (8 hours) students to work in CAAS. The reason I wanted to make this change is because I hear here from year in and year out that as writing associates they are under utilized.
4. Gil Gonzales : Based on the conversation that I had with professor eastman, I want to keep this vision moving forward and the space and collaboration with those in CAAS.
5. Antoinette Flores: I was told by CAAS that there is no training, can I get clarity on that.
6. Charles Eastman: CAAS may not be giving them training but writing associates are taking the same course. The writing program does train them on the front end.
7. Pres. Moya : It was seen that Professor Eastmans position was deemed non-essential and that the program was going to end, but this whole conversation has clarified this, thank you Sal, Gil and Charles for clarifying this.
8. Sydney Thiroux: What is the writing associate program going to look like with Professor Eastmen.
9. Gil Gonzales: We had imagined centralizing this in CAAS, and I can try and see how we can continue this program into next year.
10. Kat Garrison: it must have gotten lost in translation
11. Sal Johnston: What is slightly ironic, is that we have writing grants for a teaching and learning center for a writing center.
12. Gil: My hopes are that after this semester concludes that regards to planning and organizing what we need to do for the Writing program.
13. President Moya: thankyou for joining us, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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

- A. Last week, Bruce and I met and we have decided to hold another town hall meeting this Thursday at 12:30pm. We will be posting the credentials on social media.
- B. Sen. Minami: Whittier We Matter, couldn't find the name of the individual.
- C. Sen Garcia: Diversity Council has their meeting during this time, can we extend the meeting to ensure that our council members can attend.
- D. Pres: Moya: can you let us know who can be in attendance just so that I can let the individuals know who we are waiting for.

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

- A. **General Fund Balance:** \$14,486.48
- B. **Operational Account Balance:** \$14,830.21
- C. **Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631
- D. **Allocated Thus Far:** \$55,518.98
- 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. N/A
- 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. I have a student who reached out to me in regards to the green deal and I will be discussing their concerns before the vote.
- I. **Student Body Representative: *Sen. Green***

1. N/A

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

1. Hi, all I just wanted to announce is that in last week's ICC meeting we voted in our new President Zoe Iseri and new Vice President Rachel Villaflor for the 2020-2021 school year, which I am extremely excited about. Our last ICC meeting is this Wednesday at 5:00 PST VIA ZOOM. I also would like to take the time to thank the Senate Table and all of Eboard for providing me with amazing guidance and support as I took on the challenges and great opportunities as serving for my first year on Senate.

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

1. Still searching for DC Senate Rep, pls share the flyer on my story!
2. Last DC Meeting this Thursday at 12:30pm! Elections will be held.
3. What does it look like for Senate to support the Black community beyond monetary compensation?

**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. N/A

**X. Committee Reports**

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

1. The Administrative Committee is continuing work on the Constitution revisions. We meet every Friday at 1 PM. Zoom details can be found on the ASWC Senate Engage page.

**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.

**C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada***

1. Hey everyone! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! I want to congratulate all candidates for all of their hard work throughout the election, be proud! I posted announcements of all the winners on the instagram a couple days ago! Also Sen. Malone along with Advisor Merino-Contino had the great idea to post to open up a space for motivational quotes for students from students. So students can submit quotes and I will be posting one every day, it can be anonymous or not which you prefer! And please send one in, it is a rough time for everyone and you never know that a couple words can make someone's day so please participate! Also please try to keep sharing the flyer for the senior stoles, it is the last post on the instagram and we need to keep pushing that out to reach the 100. That's about it for now, if anyone has any suggestions of other things I can be doing please let me know!

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

1. Elections results have been released:
  - a) President: Jesse Eccles
  - b) Vice President: Amber Brost
  - c) Treasurer: Jose Estrada
  - d) Campus Relations: Tori Royster
  - e) Secretary: Lauren Ross
  - f) Student Body Reps: Anica Falcon-Juengert, Alyssa Armstrong, and Zoë Benn
  - g) Commuter Rep.: Bianca Lopez
  - h) Non-Traditional Student Rep.: Jannet Torres
  - i) Resident Hall Rep.: Ashley Magana
  - j) Environmental Advocacy Advocate Rep.: Nona Golden
  - k) Academic Affairs Rep.: Dianna Torres
2. Thank you VP Jochim for running the elections, you did an amazing job!
3. Also, ASWC Senate purchased 100 stoles for graduating seniors.
  - a) They can RSVP through Engage on the ASWC Senate portal, under "events".
    - (1) The stoles will be mailed to them for free.
    - (2) Pres. Moya also emailed the bookstore to see if pickup is an option.

#### **E. Program Board – *Director Gil***

1. This week a fifth round of care packages will be going out, RSVP through engage.
2. Seniors will have a special box they can RSVP to next week as a special gift on their achievements.
3. On Wednesday, April 29th we will have a giftcard giveaway from 4-8pm (PST). To enter just post your favorite pic from a Program Board event or memory onto your story. You must be 1) following Program Board 2) Tag Program Board and 3) tag three friends! You could choose from a \$20: Target, Visa, or PostMates gift card.
4. On Thursday, April 30th we will have another challenge with a giveaway.

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

1. Hello everyone, last week's advocacy meeting had a very long meeting. We discussed many things including the Whittier We Matter campaign which you are all caught up on. This was the conversation that led to our virtual vote in deciding whether we as a senate wanted to endorse the initiative. We finalized our face mask donations. ASWC Senate will be donating a total of 3000 face masks to local organizations. 1000 will be donated directly to our Whittier College community, prioritizing students who are still residing on campus and essential staff still working on campus. I want to note that after speaking with Sarah Dudley in Facilities, she informed me that the Facilities department had just placed a large order for face masks for their department so donated masks will go to employees outside of the department and to students on campus. Further, we will be donating 850 to LAC USC hospital in Los Angeles, and 850 to Carbon Health Clinic in Pasadena, and 300 to St. Matthias Church in Uptown Whittier. Last week I am sure you all remember Senator Garcia bringing up compensating and acknowledging our black student leaders for all the advocacy work they did this academic year. We invited these 4 students: Journee Bradford, Myles Malone, Noah Humphrey, and Ethan Peau to our advocacy committee meeting to further discuss this. All students, except Noah, were in attendance. They expressed that the ultimate compensation would be to see the changes they have been fighting for for so long. This led to larger conversations where ideas such as drafting a bill were discussed. Because these are long term solutions, we will still find it important to compensate for them for the time being.

After speaking to Treasurer Estrada, we can afford a range of \$400 to \$500 stipend for each student

## 2. Discussionary Period

- a) Director Gil: I wanted to thank you all for all the work that you are putting into this, I am in full support of this.
- b) Deanna Merino Contino: Thank you and just want to confirm how this will go through for students to receive their stipends.
- c) Pres: Moya: How are we compensating students for their work, and this would come out of the Senate General Body Account. Kole recommended that if they feel that they are not getting anywhere, that we can create a bill. I will include it in my transitionary report.
- d) D. Garcia : What does this look like going forward, I believe that this is a conversation that needs to continue on and on, not just at one meeting. I think this is something we need to be talking about continuously.
- e) Pres. Moya: To be transparents Myles and Ethan were at the meeting longer and were in favor of the bill, but after debriefing with Journey after the meeting, she was not in favor because after all the work that they have put in. That as a Senate we elevate their voices. I will be leaving that as a top topic for my transitional message for next year's President. Do we feel comfortable voting on an amount?
- f) D Garcia: I motion to approve the amount that previously noted for Noah Humprey, Journey Bradford, Myles Malone and Ethan
- g) Sen Modesti: I second that motion.
- h) Votes:
  - (1) Yes 13
  - (2) No 1
  - (3) VP Joachim : this voted does pass
- i) Pres Moya: We will be contacting these students to continue and make sure that this gets done correctly.

### **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. Reading the Whittier Green bill today.

**XI. First Readings**

- A. N/A

**XII. Daily Calendar Considerations**

- A. N/A

**XIII. Misc. Business**

**A. Second Reading: *Whittier Green Deal***

1. The bill reads:

**“Whittier Green Deal**

Authors: Genesis Gil, Nona Golden, Dalton Casserly-Simmons, D Garcia

Session:

BILL # -

**Section I: Preface**

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, Global Climate Disruption is one of the most pressing issues of our time,

WHEREAS, Colleges and individuals across the world are implementing sustainable practices into their daily lives,

WHEREAS, Whittier College has the responsibility to implement sustainable practices in order to ensure the preservation of the earth and the well-being of their students,

**Section II: The Rock**

WHEREAS, the rock is available to be spray painted up to 7 times a week,  
WHEREAS, spray paint contains aerosols directly linked to the worsening of the greenhouse effect,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the use of spray paint on and around the rock is prohibited for Whittier College and its affiliates,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the rock is to only be painted for special events,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, only liquid paint is to be applied on the rock in good faith,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, paint is to be applied solely to the rock and not

its surrounding area,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon violation of the listed

clauses the offending organization will be subject to the following penalties, the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) will enforce this by keeping a list of the status of each club/org EMSing the rock:

- First Violation: Warning
- Second Violation: Suspension for painting for next special event
- Third Violation: Semester suspension from painting

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, special events are to be considered as the following:

- Event Promotions
- Introduction of society New Member Education classes

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, special events do not include the following:

- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Society days

### **Section III: Incentives**

WHEREAS, Whittier College does not provide adequate resources for sustainable living

WHEREAS, sustainable actions of individuals can have a profound positive effect on the environment

#### **Subsection III A: Low Impact Transportation**

WHEREAS, approximately 54% of Whittier College students commute to school

WHEREAS, non-motorized transport, public transport, multiple occupant automobile are among the most sustainable methods of commuting

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the ASWC Senate will work with administration to provide the subsequent incentives

LET IT BE RESOLVED, free bus passes be provided for student commuters by Whittier College

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that students using non-motorized transportation, public transport or multiple occupant automobiles to commute to campus can receive a stipend upon the submission of proof to the environmental action chair

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stipend be equal to \$5 per commute while the supply of \$500 per semester is available, commute being to and from your destination; Limit one stipend per day



LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that proof of sustainable committee be considered as the following:

- Time stamped photographs
- GPS tracking apps

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the student commuter representative is to be involved in the execution of this initiative

### **Subsection III B: Sustainable Food Incentives**

WHEREAS, the meat industry is a leading contributor to global climate disruption

WHEREAS, there are currently no incentives around sustainable eating habits at Whittier College

WHEREAS, individuals that eat a vegetarian/vegan based diet help to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions

LET IT BE RESOLVED, vegetarian/vegan food items purchased at the Spot costing \$4 or more are eligible to receive a \$2 reimbursement from Environmental Committee while supplies last

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, Environmental Committee will require submission of proof of purchase in the form of a receipt during the Environmental Chairs office hours

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, submissions will only be accepted during the month of purchase with few exceptions made by the Environmental Chair

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the allocated funds for reimbursement will be determined by the Environmental Committee on a monthly basis

### **Section IV: Event Sustainability**

WHEREAS, single-use plastics, styrofoam, and other non-reusable items further contribute to the waste problem impacting our world

WHEREAS, waste ends up throughout our natural environment, never truly breaking down which impacts the health of humans and animals alike

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the ASWC Senate and all student clubs and organizations falling under the umbrella of the ASWC Senate are prohibited from using single-use plastic and styrofoam items when hosting any event

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the current health crisis creates concerns regarding the sanitation of reusables; however, pending national recovery from this epidemic, the Environmental Committee plans to implement the

following system

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Environmental Committee will provide a set

number of reusables that can be rented out to compensate for single-use items when the ASWC Senate deems the aforementioned initiative appropriate; until that time, biodegradable products are to be utilized

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that student clubs and organizations are to contact the Environmental Action Advocate via email to rent out the reusables

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the Environmental Advocate's email is to be obtained through their office hours or at ASWC Senate meetings

**Subsection IV A: Displaced Meals**

WHEREAS, Bon Appétit hosts displaced meals using single-use plastic items WHEREAS, single-use items directly contribute to the global waste problem

LET IT BE RESOLVED, Bon Appétit is to use their own reusable dining sets when hosting displaced meals

**Section V: Ecosia**

WHEREAS, search engines are used in any and all online activity WHEREAS, Google Chrome does not positively contribute to the environment

WHEREAS, Ecosia puts sustainability at the top of its priority list by mitigating emissions through environmental initiatives

LET IT BE RESOLVED, all desktop and laptop computers in the Wardman library are to have their default search engine switched to Ecosia

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

Deanna Merino-Contino, Associate Dean for Campus Life

Christine Hernandez, Director for the Office of Student Engagement

Linda Oubré, President of Whittier College

Members of the ASWC”

**B. Discussionary Period**

1. Sen Royster: Has this bill been brought to ISC for all Society representatives to go over the opposition of painting the rock, as this does affect all societies I feel that this is important to bring up to them as opposed to coming straight to senate, all voices need to be heard in this matter, so the questions again is has this been brought up in a ISC

meeting? Why is liquid paint not being considered everyday? Why are holidays and birthdays considered not worthy of the rock being painted?

- a) Sen Casserly Simons: I did bring this up to ISC, painting the rock is not sustainable for the earth year round, the reason birthdays aren't considered is because we want to make sure that the amount of paint put on the rock in general. The holidays are the same as birthdays.
2. Sen Modesti: I had a constituent reach out to me, Section 2- "Let it be resolved is only to be painted on special events" I think should be taken out. The rock is one of the pillars of Whittier College and the community. Many members of the community love to see what color or day it is for the rock to be painted. Alumni always speak of the rock as well. I think taking the daily rock privileges away is a detriment to the inclusive community that we have at Whittier college. The rock represents Whittier and its community. This would also be removing the special occasion part of the section as well and the non special events. Section 3- "Let it be resolved that food \$4 or more are eligible to receive a \$2 reimbursement from the Environmental Committee while supplies last. So this is showing favoritism to the small community of people who are going to benefit off of this. Majority of Whittier College are probably eating meat, so it would be benefiting a small number of people while essentially everyone else has to pay the regular price. It isn't fair to the vast majority of people who are on campus. If this is to be done, there should be a survey of how many members of the community are vegetarian and Vegan, not just outright implement a policy that isn't going to be beneficial.
  - a) Sen Casserly- Simmons: the whole point of this section is to have meat eaters, not eat meat as much, individuals who don't eat meat already. Also a way to make it an easier way for them to make the transition to not eating meat. I understand that the Rock is a great tradition, and that it spurs memories, however with the drastic measures that are happening in our world, we are trying to curb our emissions. The Environmental Committee is trying to help all, and make sure that the atmosphere and environment are helping. The main goal of this was to reduce the amount that we use the rock. Whittier College is not doing enough for the environment.
3. Christine Hernandez: Just to address the piece about the Rock, I

understand that there has been a lot of time being put into this. Given the infrastructure as an Office we can not give access to the sanction as outlined in this bill but this does not mean we don't support it. Have you

heard back from the library?

a) Sen Casserly- Simmons : they have not replied to my recent email, the email that I would be getting next is that we can get this done, I have not received it yet. There has been verbal confirmation but not written confirmation. I have been working a lot with Craig and this has been being worked on this entire semester. I would like to put in writing and in a Bill, and that the conversation of sustainable action is this in the Senate for Bills to come. If this bill was to get passed, can we change this section to work with the OSE and Environmental Committee.

(1) Christine Hernandez: We cannot commit to anything this semester as we don't know our policies and procedures for the fall. This is a great opportunity for it to continue next year.

4. Pres Moya: I just wanted to know if all departments that are affected by this bill were aware of this Bill and that it can be carried out through the coming years?

a) Sen Casserly- Simmons : I have talked to or emailed all individuals, just waiting for written confirmation and communication from all parties involved.

5. Sen Ross: Thank you for this bill, and for all the hard work for this bill, there has been a lot of conversation of how the rock is tradition, and also a lot of conversation about being inclusive. A lot of painting the rock this bill makes it inclusive.

a) Sen Casserly- Simmons: Great point, during the summer I think this is a great opportunity for different groups to have the ability to paint the rock a great opportunity to include the art department.

6. Representative Alvarez: It's a tradition to paint the rock, that they wanted to mention some of the traditions, that it's not the same. They would see it as a loss, if this has not had the ability to paint the rock. The rock is one of the great things that sets Whittier apart from other schools. For at least certain clubs and organizations that are not society related, have painted the rock.

a) Sen Casserly- Simmons : Thank you, I have also heard that people haven't come to the college because of how unsustainable Whittier



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College is. I feel that with a hard stance in environmental action it will set us apart.

7. Sen Modesti : In terms of actually looking at the numbers and the stipends for you have an idea of the amount you need for this?
  - a) Sen Casserly- Simmons: We thought about \$500 for being sustainable and the \$2 back for meals \$50 a month and if it isn't used up then it rolls over and if it is used up quickly then we up it to \$100 dollars per semester. This will all come out of the Environmental Committee Budget.
8. Sen Torres: I have a question regarding the bus pass, to my knowledge this has not been approved through the school, have you come up with a contract with the city, my average bus ride is roughly 7-9 dollars a day, my main concern has this been brought up to have approval from the city. You would have to get approval from the city and then move from there, and the approval of the different bus transits for them, and my main concern is what connections have been made when reaching out to the city.
  - a) Sen Casserly Simmons - we wouldn't be able to be a massive radiance, however I did contact the city of whittier, and talked to the assistant to the major, if we were to do a mass volume of free bus passes they were talking about a discount for such a large amount of purchases. We didn't want to go that far until getting approval from Marisol, a written contract in place no , but the conversations taking place were yes.
    - (1) Sen Torres: This would be just for the city of Whittier, or universal
      - (a) Sen Casserly Simmons - No this would just be Whittier
9. Sen Royster: Is there a way that we can educate out student body?
  - a) Sen Casserly- Simmons: We were thinking of doing end of year things, we were thinking of hosting education processes for ways to be sustainable on a college budget. Educating on things on what's in this bill and outside.
10. Robert: I was president of ASWC during 2015-2016 it is really interesting to see that you are putting this together and looking at the physical impact, the buy-in for administration is also important. Look into Metro, those

who put the busses and trains in motion. I do know that Metro can help a little but more than the city of Whittier. Foothill transit talks to them because they are the main entities. The whole mention of the rock painting it by hand is what it used to be. The rock is not only for societies but

instead open for all. Thank you it reminds me of all the work that has been put in.

- a) Sen Casserly Simmons: thank you for coming out and for supporting the bill.
11. Dianna Torres: I just had one concern for event sustainability, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Environmental Committee will provide a set number of reusables that can be rented out to compensate for single-use items when the ASWC Senate deems the aforementioned initiative appropriate; until that time, biodegradable products are to be utilized. Is there a cost, or is it loaned out?
  - a) Sen Casserly Simmons: These will be loaned out for no cost to the students. Can we push this to a third meeting/ reading in order to incorporate everything spoken on today.
12. VP Joachim: I look forward to working on this bill, and this voting next week.
13. Sen Casserly Simmons: thank you to all who have helped me write this Bill so far.

#### **XIV. Announcements**

##### **A. Commencement Petition**

1. Destinnee Moya: Yesterday Genesis and I launched a petition for commencement for the current plan of action for commencement that will be happening in December in the GAC, if all graduates attend they will only be able to have 7 guests. In this space it would be hard for social distancing. Graduates are bummed out for it to now be happening in the stadium, and in writing how are other graduations going to take place. However the email that was sent out did not point out different graduation. We are urging the admin to put in writing all the logistics of graduation come the ceremonies in December. The plan that we have is we hope to write a letter and attach this petition.
2. Pres Moya: thank you for such a great meeting, and thank you for staying very engaged and all that you have done for this year's Senate Table.
3. Sen Garcia: We were given a one day notice, for all students in Harris to move to Turner, I wanted to bring awareness to this. We didn't get a response and were frustrated, I didn't have the time to move to a whole



new room. It feels a bit irresponsible it doesn't make sense for us all to move given this current situation.

a) Deanna Merino Contino: The decision was made through conversation, the smoke detectors though aren't working, I did bring up to be patient and ensure that the conversation was fluid for all.

(1) Sen Garcia : Thank you and during this time with a lot of things happening, transparency is not being held up and what it looks like for the Senate, and ensuring transparency continues to happen no matter the situation. Student voices need to be at the center of these conversations.

(a) Deanna Merino Contino : Students deserve a seat at the table

(b) Christine Hernandez: Areas that need more student voices deserve to happen, adding to the transition report, your student voice needs to be heard and even as we move on through the summer, for the next Senate and moving forward.

## **XV. Adjournment**

**A. Motioned By:** Sen. Mendoza

**Second By:** Sen. Royster

**B. Time:** 8:25 pm

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