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Meeting Minutes for April 13, 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. Garcia
- IV. Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. Present:** Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Malone, 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
 - B. Absent excused:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Green, Sen. Alvarez
 - C. Unexcused:**
- V. Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. Approved by:** Sen. Minami
 - B. Seconded by:** Sen. Mendoza
- VI. Public Voice**
 - A. Sal Johnston:**
 1. Sal is just here mostly to answer any questions that we have.

Pres. Moya: For classes that have lab fees, or excursion fees, will be they refunded?

Sal: I don't know because no one has asked me that question but I will check with Jim.

Sen. Hidalgo: I had a class that had an excursion, it was a \$300 fee. I was wondering if she would get reimbursed for that. It is for social workout.

Sal: I will check on that.

Sen. Hidalgo: For students who are doing credit no credit, how will the student know?

Sal: The registration office is in charge of the classes. There are certain classes like premed where we won't let you take credit no credit. If you turn the paperwork in to the registration office, when faculty submit credits it will show the only option as credit no credit. If you want to check to see if you got that, I would have you email John.

VP Joachim: Are they going to do a COVID credit no credit on the transcript?

Sal: We are going to do that and we are also putting a timestamp on everyone's transcript where we all went online.

Sen. Minami: I know that if you want to access any transcripts, you cannot if you have a hold. I don't have a hold so what do I do?

Sal: I would just call the registration office.

Sen. Garcia: I had asked Bruce if the food pantry on campus is still open to them?

Sal: We talked about that at the crisis team meeting this morning. What we are trying to figure out is what students can contact and how. What we are also trying to sort out are times where students can pick up food from the CI.

Sal: There are always a number of students with business holds. We are going to try and call everyone this week. We are going to try and do a case by case solution for each person before registration next week. If you hear of anyone with this problem, have them call the business office. If they have a bad interaction with the business office have them call me or Bruce.

Sen. Garrison: I had students come to me saying that they got an email from the business office and they were confused about how much they all owe. It would help if more students got clarification for what is going on. They were confused about the room and board credit.

Sal: I will talk to Justice and see what is going on. If I get any quick answers, I will email Destinee about it.

Sal: Please feel free to email me if you have any more questions.

Also, how are you all doing?

Sen. Garrison: I'm doing fabulous.

Dir. Tejada: I think it has been pretty good. I think professors are starting to listen and be more helpful.

Sen. Mendoza: For myself, it has been interesting. I have been trying to

get into the rhythm of turning in stuff on time.

Pres. Moya: I feel like it fluctuates week to week. I feel like my professor has helped out a lot throughout this process.

VII. President's Message - *President Moya*

A. Hi everyone, I hope you all have had a wonderful week, and for those that celebrate Easter I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. Last week I met with Bruce and we mainly talked about Commencement. I had asked where the commencement survey results were posted, and at that time he was not sure if they had been shared but said he would look into it. I wanted to ask the graduating seniors if based on the email you all understood that all graduate ceremonies except actual commencement. Okay, this was my understanding as well, and when I brought this up to Bruce he said this was not the case. From his understanding they were going to do their best to save all of these “special” ceremonies and events for December when they could hopefully happen in person. Dates for these ceremonies like cultural graduation or athletics ceremonies have not yet been determined, but of course these would not be able to happen in one day so would take place over the course of a couple or few days. The location of the GAC was changed due to unpredictable weather. Because of limited event planning capabilities it was more efficient to plan for the GAC rather than plan for the stadium and have to move to the GAC abruptly. This Thursday 04/16 at 12:30 to 1:30 PM, Bruce and ASWC Senate will be hosting a virtual town hall on zoom. This will be an opportunity for students to ask questions, voice concerns, or just give feedback about different topics. Our E-board will be there, and I ask that all of you who are available also join us. Please encourage your friends, constituents, and classmates to hop on. Whether they have concerns or questions about commencement, classes, etc. this will be a great opportunity to gain clarification. I can assure that if Bruce, or our Executive Board do not have the answers to specific questions, we will work to get those answers as soon as possible. I will be sharing a flyer that you can all send out and share on social media.

1. Dir. Gil: I personally cannot make the meeting. If I wanted to create a petition about this, would the process be the same as outlined in the constitution?

Pres. Moya: I got approached about by a student to start a petition as well. But what I am going to do is wait until after the town hall meeting and go from there.

Sen. Garcia: How long is the town hall going to be for? DC is from 12:30-1:30 that day as well, is there going to be another meeting?

Pres. Moya: Right now, that is the only meeting. Depending on how Thursday goes, we may do another meeting or not. Just try to get students to come for only 10 to 15 minutes.

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

- A. General Fund Balance:** \$14,486.48
- B. Operational Account Balance:** \$14,830.21
- C. Reserve Account Balance:** \$34,631.00
- 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. The FCC met with Christine to discuss the different ideas we have for supporting our class. We will begin reaching out this week.

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. Last week from my online concerns I had a couple people say that they want to see more motivation within other students online. However I'm not sure how to assist them because it's more of a personal motivation rather than something to inspire them to do? I was rather confused on how to help them however I gave them the best answer I could and referred them to the right resources.

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. N/A

K. Diversity Council Representative: *Sen. Garcia*

1. DC has a meeting this Thursday at 12:30pm! We'll be discussing elections, student life awards and structure for next year.
2. Both DC Co-Chair positions for next year are open!! The Internal & External positions require similar tasks but the external chair is the representative for DC in the Senate. Come join our Thursday meeting if you're interested in either position!
3. We'll be spotlighting DC clubs/orgs on social media this coming week! Be on the lookout for those on IG!

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

1. N/A

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. KPOET radio is close to 1,000 followers on Instagram. We just released a video on our YouTube channel. Our DJs and tech team are working on arranging our music on live365 and creating a playlist. Our Tech team has renovated our website.
2. The other orgs have nothing to report

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

1. N/A

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

1. I worked together with the coach in charge of PSALA, and we ordered the athletic stoles for the graduating athletes.

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

1. ISC is paying for society members senior stoles
2. Jordan has been in contact with Lafayette to have a society Title 9 training next year
3. We have been updating society members and keeping in contact via GroupMe. We check-in with members every week at 5:30 pm.
4. We will be holding ISC elections soon.

X. Committee Reports

A. Administrative –*Vice President Joachim*

1. Administrative Committee met last Friday to go over the Constitution and make revisions to the formatting and to clarify vague descriptions. We also noticed a lot of discrepancies between position descriptions and language that supports those duties earlier in the constitution. For example, the Non-Traditional Student Experience Representative is

supposed to chair a

committee, but it was not listed as a standing committee earlier in the Constitution. Overall, we hope to add diagrams that will make the Constitution much more accessible and easy to read. We will be meeting again this Friday to go over those revisions.

2. An update on the Mental Health Initiative: the Counseling reached out to ASWC Senate and informed me that they will conduct a trial period for a wellness app known as Sanvello. This app offers self-care resources, peer support, coaching, and therapy. They are asking that students look at this app and provide them with feedback to see if this is a worthwhile investment for the college to provide to students.

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. E-Sports Club was funded \$350 last week.
3. Pending Requests for this Tuesday: N/A
4. I sent out an email to all the councils updating them on budget information/semesterly funds.

C. Campus Relations- *Director Tejada*

1. Hey everyone! I hope you're staying safe and healthy. I finally got around to making the infographic that Sen. Hidalgo suggested about filing for unemployment. It is on the Federal Updates story highlight on our instagram. I have continued working on stuff for elections and I posted yesterday to promote the debate tomorrow and I posted today to promote elections. Please share those! I also wanted to thank you all for posting your personal position stories asking if students needed support. I hope you got some feedback! Again if any of you have more suggestions for things that could be done please let me know!
Sen. Garrison: PIH was asking for letters for their workers. The city of Whittier posted it on their Instagram. I don't know if that is something that we want to post the Senate Instagram as well.
Dir. Tejdia: Yes, I will for sure share that.

D. Elections- *Secretary Brost*

1. Tomorrow we are hosting President and Vice President debates via Zoom.
 - a) The VP, since they are running unopposed, will be making a statement and then following with questions from the public.

- b) At 5:00 p.m.
 - (1) Meeting ID: 395 251 698
 - (2) Password: 017460
- c) VP Joachim will moderate the debates
 - (1) There will be time given to the audience to ask questions.
- 2. Elections are this week!
 - a) Starting on the 16th at 8:00 a.m. and ending the 17th at 8:00 p.m.
 - b) The elections will be on Engage through the ASWC Senate portale.

E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

- 1. Thursday 4/16 is the Talent challenge on Instagram. Students have all day to submit a video showing off their talents as a post or story. Winner receives a prize and will be announced Friday. We are asking students to nominate an organization they would like us to donate to as well. This could be to a charitable organization or to an essential service in need.
- 2. Another care package box will be posted tomorrow! RSVP on engage.
- 3. Applications for Program Board will open up on April 15th Im Engage. Positions include the Program Board Director, Eboard: director of operating, finance and marketing. Coordinators: on-campus, off-campus, signature, and whittfest. If anyone has any questions they can reach out to me at ggil@poets.whittier.edu

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

- 1. N/A

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. N/A

XI. First Readings

- A. N/A

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

- A. N/A

XIII. Misc. Business

A. First Reading: *Whittier Green Deal*:

1. Dir. Gil reads the bill to the Senate.
2. The bill reads:

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

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: Dwayne 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 II 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 receive a stipend upon the submission of proof to the environmental action chair

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the stipend be equal to **[FILL IN]** per commute LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that proof of sustainable commute be considered as the following:

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 based diet help to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions

LET IT BE RESOLVED, vegetarian 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, single-use paper, and other non-reusable items further contribute to the waste problem impacting our world

- Time stamped photographs
- GPS tracking apps

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 items when hosting any event

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

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”

3. Sen. Hidalgo: Basically my concern is the rock and the amount of times it could be painted. If it is being painted regularly with paint and not arisola, why can't birthdays be painted?

Dir Gil: Our goal is trying to stop people from using anything that you spray and just use regular paint. I will send your questions to Sen. Casserly-Simmons.

Sen. Royster: Can there be a section that can be changed where you can use regular paint to paint the rock for birthdays or society days?

Christine: In talking about the rock, how were the councils involved? I just want to make sure that those voices like ICC and ISC are heard. There may be a problem with what the Senate has jurisdiction to do with the rock because the Senate doesn't own the rock. I think that you all should make sure that this policy fits in with the policies that we already have. Make sure to contact the business office as well. Lastly, for a circumstance like right now, we may not be able to reuse items because of public health issues.

Sen. Hagan-Martin: Can you explain the low impact transportation and how that process would work?

Dir. Gil: It would be carpooling and and for people who ride their bikes to school, we would have them take a picture with a timestamp. We would give them a stipend or something like that.

Sen. Hagan-Martin: I would recommend you all connecting with the commuter rep as well.

Sen. Torres: Who is paying for the bus pass? And what lines can you use it

on?

Dir. Gil: That is something that we are still working on. We are trying to reach out and talk to Maricel, since she already started trying to have the college pay for bus passes. Also, if you want to forward us those questions

to ask her, we would appreciate that.

Sen. Torres: This is really hard for a lot of colleges to get because you have to get approval from each station. I can definitely forward you all that info.

Sen. Eccles: Would it be enough to change the language to say that if you EMS the rock, you can paint it as well? They get the EMS approval from the OEI so I'm not sure how the environmental committee will be able to check that.

Christine: We, the OEI, can't how everyone paints the rock through EMS.

Sen. Hidalgo: Regarding the reusable utensils, would this also apply to off campus events?

Dir. Gil: We would like to have good faith and hope that you all would use reusable items.

Sen. Modesti: Is there like a cap on the amount of money on how much money someone can get for riding their bike to the school? Where would the funding come?

Dir. Gil: The money would hopefully come from the environmental committee's budget. If you are commuting to school, it would be to and from. We should probably put in the bill the exact numbers. Dalton did the math with the numbers because we know it cannot exceed the committee's budget.

Sen. Modesti: You can do it by mileage.

VP Jochim: Next week, we will be doing a second reading.

XIV. Announcements

A. Sen. Garrison: Are we going to vote on the Media Council reserve account?

VP Jochim: As an eboard, we felt like this fell under the justification of the treasurer.

Tres. Estrada: I sent out an email to the media council and all the clubs. I also want to extend this conversation into tomorrow's eboard meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

B. Sen. Garcia: DC positions are open. Internal and external chair positions are open. If any of you are interested and know if anyone is interested, please refer them to me. We will be discussing the election at this upcoming meeting.



C. Christine: Please vote for people in the Student Life Awards, they close next week. Also, the OEI is able to have poet interns. The applications are on Handshake.

D. Debates are tomorrow!

E. Sen. Garrison: Media council has position opening. The applications are online on

Engage. Kpoett will also be doing a giveaway in the upcoming week.

XV. Adjournment

A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Hagan-Martin

Second By: Sen. Garrison

B. **Time:** 6:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC