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Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2020

- I. **Meeting is called to order at:** 7:17 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. Minami
- IV. **Roll Call – Secretary Brost**
 - A. **Present:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons, Sen. Minami, Sen. Iseri, Sen. Mendoza, Sen. Torres, Sen. Modesti, Tres. Estrada, VP Joachim, Pres. Moya, Sec. Brost, Dir. Gil, Sen. Royster, Sen. Gracia, Sen. Garrison, Sen. Angileri
 - B. **Absent excused:** Sen. Hagan-Martin, Sen. Ross, Sen. Malone, Sen. Green, Dir. Tejada, Sen. Hidalgo, Sen. Segura, Sen. Eccles, Sen. Alvarez
 - C. **Unexcused:**
- V. **Minutes Amendment/Approval**
 - A. **Approved by:** Sen. Casserly-Simmons
 - B. **Seconded by:** Sen. Mendoza
- VI. **Public Voice**
 - A. *POET HEALTH ALERT Email:*
 1. Deanna, as a rep from the university, reads an email to the student body that was sent out earlier: “Dear Whittier College Community:
As communicated previously, Whittier College is continuing to monitor the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its implications. Senior administrators are communicating daily to review updates from the CDC, World Health Organization, and county and state public health agencies. Currently there are **no known cases (confirmed or suspected) of COVID-19 on the Whittier campus.**”



Today, California public health officials issued updated guidance to institutions of higher learning as they plan for the potential further spread of COVID-19. Among their recommendations include that colleges and universities “consider alternatives to congregate programming within the campus including any large or communal activities.”

As a preventative measure, Whittier College will be working with the various departments on campus to postpone or suspend most events **that attract 100 or more attendees for the remainder of the academic year.**

This will include athletic competitions, performances, student-organized events, admission events, and academic gatherings, among others.

We understand that this is a disappointing decision, as many of you have dedicated time and effort to organize events for the campus community.

The decision was not made lightly, but in the end, it was decided that the continued health of our campus community needed to take priority.

The College has **NOT** yet decided on whether this new policy will impact Commencement activities (including the graduation ceremony, baccalaureate, and cultural graduations). A decision on Commencement will be made some time after spring break.

Our goal is to keep you informed to maintain a healthy and positive learning environment at Whittier College. Make sure to check your email daily for update notifications. All of our updates will also be posted online on the Whittier website. In addition, if you are not receiving emergency text messages from Whittier College please update your contact information on your myWhittier account.

Any questions can be directed to abarraza@whittier.edu.”

2. Deanna is taking questions to send over to the senior cabinet.
3. Sen. Casserly-Simmons: Is there any update if students go home for spring break, do they come back?

Deanna: There is a Poet Health alter website for everyone to see. Travel will be a conversation. We are following the CDC.

Pres. Moya: Are we transitioning to online only?

Deanna: Messaging will go out tomorrow regarding that.

VII. President’s Message - *President Moya*

- A. So I first want to acknowledge that we do not have quorum this evening. Many senators are sick so were not able to be here this evening. In response I will be making the following Executive Order:

Whereas at the Senate Meeting on March 9, quorum was not met amongst the ASWC Senate Table due to many senators falling ill;



Let it be Resolved, that an Executive Order is being implemented allowing for Second Readings to be held at said meeting to be voted on amongst Executive Board,

Let it be Resolved, results of Executive Board's vote will be communicated no later than Tuesday, March 10 at 12:30 PM.

B. Last week Bruce Smith asked Deanna and I to work together to find a way to promote the Climate Survey amongst the student body and encourage students to take the survey. We worked with WCTheRock to film a promotional video that will be sent out tomorrow. The video explains what the survey is and how students can access it. For those of you that may not know, the Climate Survey is a survey that assess the general climate amongst the student body in regards to Sexual Assault and Title IX. As some of you all know, concerns regarding Title IX and policies have been voiced to senate and taking this survey is a great way for students to voice those same concerns and experiences, as the administration will refer to this data when making decisions. I ask that you all encourage your constituents to take the survey, and I encourage each of you to take the survey if you have not already.

C. In addition, I also have an update regarding the deficit which I will go over in Miscellaneous business

VIII. Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Estrada*

A. General Fund Balance: \$26,478.01

B. Operational Account Balance: \$14,830.21

C. Reserve Account Balance: \$34,631.00

D. Allocated Thus Far: \$37,603.68

E. First Readings: \$12,600.00

F. Daily Calendar Considerations: \$9,956.62

IX. Constituent Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair: *Sen. Minami*

1. Attended academic senate mtg
2. Began planning event for april

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

1. The FCC has told WCTheRock what we are looking to do for Chillin in the Courtyard.

C. Commuter Representative: *Sen. Hagan Martin*

1. N/A

D. Residential Hall Representative: *Sen. Ross*

1. The website is currently being updated with 360 degree room views as well as updated measurements and we are in the process of seeing if it is



possible to add in 360 views of the lounges and kitchens in the dorms as well.

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

1. Please don't forget to RSVP for Mess Night. Check emails for RSVP link

F. Student Body Representative: *Sen. Torres*

1. Majority of students began to feel a little burnt out and just reminded others on the table to remind your constituents to take time to rest up.

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. Di week 2020 second reading today!
2. Finalizing details for di week, should have flyer out by end of this week

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

1. N/A

M. Media Council Representative: *Sen. Garrison*

1. KPOET Radio: We are currently collaborating with ASA for Asian Night on March 27. We just finished final flyers and we will be sending them out this week. We are also going to be pushing advertising for our broadcast. Also, the Counseling Center reached out to us about doing a podcast about mental health.
2. Poet Entertainment: We are redoing the greenroom in Club 88. We just fixed the projector in the club. We just had an Art Walk. We had a distress video game tournament. Then tech for other events on campus.
3. Quaker Campus: Women's Issue printed, we will still be reporting on female focused articles throughout the month. Our website is down, we need help with repurchasing the domain.
4. Video Production Studios: VPS club meeting for shot blocking and scene acting on March 4. First screening for Spanish Film Fest on March 4. Working on casting for a new short film.
5. Whittier College Sport Network: covering games for the week.



- 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. Admin Committee did not meet last week, but we will be presenting drafted language clarifying initiatives and petitions at tonight's meeting.
 - B. **Budget- *Treasurer Estrada***
 - 1. Budget committee will meet Tuesday at 12:40pm-1:30pm in the Ose Conference room. Everyone that is signed up will be reminded through the slack app and text.
 - 2. I have all the ASWC Senate Accounts with the correct amount and I finished Senator's stipend pay today. Senators will get paid \$175 on pay period 7(March 27), 8(April 10), and 9(April 24).
 - C. **Campus Relations- *Director Tejada***
 - 1. Hi everyone I'm sorry I can't be there today I'm really not feeling well, but I miss you all and hope you all have a good meeting today!
 - 2. Campus relations did not meet today but we will be meeting when we come back from break on the 23rd at 5:30pm!
 - D. **Elections- *Secretary Brost***
 - 1. The Office of Communications have made a political engagement logo and name for us!
 - a) It looks amazing!
 - b) They are finishing it up and are going to send it to us!
 - 2. Today VP Joachim, Chrstine and I met to plan for the upcoming elections!
 - a) A timeline has been made.
 - b) Elections are the whole month of April so be ready!
 - c) We even started thinking about ways to make the elections and campaigning for students online if the institution closes.



E. Program Board – *Director Gil*

1. Happy monday everyone! I hope you are all excited for spring break!
2. We have a "Pi Day" Pick Me Up on Wednesday March 11 from 11:30 am - until supplies last in the Upper Quad. We will be serving Pie.
3. On Thursday March 26th we will have a game day event in collaboration with E-sports club in Club 88 from 4:30-7 pm.
4. We will postponing Whittfest.
5. Sen. Garrison: What is happening to the funds that have been allocated to the events?

Dir. Gil: We are still discussing that. We just received this info an hour ago so we are meeting up with pro-staff to see what we will be doing going forward.

F. Advocacy- *President Moya*

1. N/A

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

1. With Senator Malone and Representative Alveraz, we've scheduled a meeting with Craig Irby to fully explain the concerns with the dietary restrictions for the Muslim students and how we can appeal to to their needs, in conjunction with the plan to bring the gluten free menu to life. However we are currently waiting for Craig to schedule a time so we can bring this concern to light. He still hasn't gotten back to us.

H. Student Feedback Committee- *Sen. Modesti*

1. N/A

I. Student Finance Committee- *Tres. Estrada*

1. N/A

J. Environmental- *Sen. Casserly-Simmons*

1. Continued work on the action bill. We are drafting it throughout the next couple of committee meetings.
2. Committee meetings are Tuesday's at 6 in the senate office
3. Bike program. Connections with Dickinson and Michigan State University about their programs.
4. Two other small bills in the works
5. Average plate waste at the CI
 - a) Daily average of 239.4 lbs of waste
 - b) Work week average (Monday-Friday) 1,197 lbs of waste
 - c) Weekly average of 1,361.8 lbs
 - d) Monthly average of 5,447.2 lbs of waste
 - e) School year average (8 months) of 43,577.6 lbs of waste



6. Pres. Moya: What can students now do to lessen that amount?
Sen. Casserly-Simmons: Sometimes the CI gives out too big of portions. So the staff is going to start giving out less portions. We are also going to build a visual in the CI to show the impacts of their food waste. We are also going to be spending out an email and asking if we can post it on the Senate social media.
Pres. Moya: Is there any way students could take a sample of an item before they serve themselves?
Sen. Casserly-Simmons: I will bring it up. It would be more work but I think it could help.
7. Pres. Moya: Are you tabling to present the bill like you did last time?
Sen. Casserly-Simmons: We could.
Pres. Moya: When is the committee's goal to present the bill?
Sen. Casserly-Simmons: Hopefully early April.

XI. First Readings

A. *Global Medical Brigades:*

1. Reps from the club eboard have come in to present to the table.
2. Have done this event for three years.
3. They are going to Honduras from May 26 - June 1.
4. The students who go on this trip only go to rural, unresourced areas.
 - a) 1 in 7 people in rural areas don't have access to healthcare.
5. The students shadow local and foreign health professionals.
 - a) They assist with in-take, triage, and more
6. Clinic Days that students can participate in:
 - a) Intake community members
 - b) Data informatics
 - c) Triage
 - d) Conclusion
 - e) Dental
 - f) Charla
 - g) Pharmacy
7. Two reps went to Panama last year.
 - a) They said that it helps to get Whittier's name out there.
 - b) It is a really life changing event for him.
 - c) They felt like he changed people's lives.
 - d) Was able to do things that he never thought he would be able to do anymore.



- e) It is beneficial both for the people who go to the trip and for those who they help.
 - f) They were able to interact with the patient.
 - g) The impact is hard to describe.
 - h) This event helps build a resume.
8. Rep.: I have been here since the start of the club. It is my third year and I am still going on the trip. This trip isn't just for med school apps and that is it. This trip has made me a better person. I want to continue this trip for those individuals to come.
9. You can be any type of major to go, it is open to all types of majors.
10. The reason they are asking for funding is because a lot of people want to go but can't afford it.
11. This program provides global healthcare for those in need.
12. The club is asking for: \$7,000
13. It is about \$2,100 per member.
- a) They are requesting \$700 a person (10 people).
14. The request on Engage i sless now because they have less people going.
15. Sen. Garrison: This is a round trip right?
- Rep.: Yes.
- Sen. Garrison: I would recommend that you all looking into traveling insurance.
- Rep.: I have gotten into contact with the Medical Bridges and there is no sign of the cornea virus in Honduras.
16. They will return for their second reading two weeks from now.

XII. Daily Calendar Considerations

A. *DI Week 2020:*

- 1. Since we do not have quorum, Pres. Moya has done an executive order to have eboard vote on whether or not to fund this.

B. *Model United Nations Conference:*

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XIII. Misc. Business

A. *Petition/Initiative Amendment:*

- 1. VP Joachim is pushing it off to the next Senate meeting so more Senators could be here to read it.



B. Deficit:

1. Pres. Moya found out last week that the executive cabinet is going to take on the deficit and clear it.

The business office is going to be spending the OSE monthly reports for the student balances that clubs and orgs have.

Students will be able to see their balances on Engage.

Pres. Moya, VP Joachim, Tres. Estrada and Shawn are going to create policies to implement it.

Thank you all for your patience. We are taking all the precautions that we can to make sure that this will not happen again.

This process will be transparent because we do want all of your feedback.

XIV. Announcements

- A. Have a great spring break!

XV. Adjournment

- A. **Motioned By:** Sen. Garrison
Second By: Sen. Casserly-Simmons
- B. **Time:** 8:14

Respectfully Submitted by Amber Brost, Secretary of the ASWC