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AN ACT TO RENEW THE POSITION OF ASWC SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR

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SECTION I TITLE

1. This act shall be referred to as An Act to Renew the Position of ASWC Sustainability Director.

SECTION II JUSTIFICATION

1. Climate change and the environmental crisis are growing concerns which require concerted action.
2. The Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC) believes that a liaison between ASWC, the Whitman College Director of Sustainability, campus organizations, and students increases the ability of all parties to effectively coordinate, communicate and advocate for environmental sustainability on campus.
3. ASWC believes that the first year of the Sustainability Coordinator has seen great success, with accomplishments including:
 - a. The establishment of a roundtable comprised of leaders of sustainability-related campus organizations to share concerns and ideas
 - b. Assistance with Divest Whitman's student referendum
 - c. Support for efforts to erect several wind turbines on campus
 - d. Co-operating with the ASWC Vice-President and ASWC Club Director to hold an ASWC Sustainability Forum on February 25th, 2015
 - e. Launched an ASWC website for all sustainability-related groups on campus (goaswc.org/sustainability)
4. As the college enters a time of transition, ASWC believes that it is paramount to continue its direct advocacy for issues of sustainability and expects that the continuation of the position will only ensure further progress on green initiatives.

SECTION III PURPOSE

1. This act aims to provide a democratic space for highly visible sustainability campaigns, provide additional credibility and the necessary resources and support to advocate for pertinent sustainability related issues at Whitman College.
2. This act hereby extends for another year the Sustainability Director position, which will be charged with the responsibility for the execution and maintenance of sustainability campaigns on the Whitman campus.

SECTION IV FORMAT

1. The Sustainability Director shall be selected by the incoming President-elect through an open application in conjunction with the other appointed positions on the Executive Council in the spring.
2. The duties of the this position will be as followed:

- a. Sit on the ASWC Executive Council and Senate
- b. Sit on the Sustainability Advisory Committee
- c. Hold regular office hours
- d. Perform community outreach
- e. Advocate for greater sustainability
- f. Report to the ASWC Vice-President and the ASWC Executive Council
- g. Meet regularly with the ASWC Vice-President
- h. Meet regularly with College-hired Director of Sustainability
- i. Maintain the Whitman Sustainability website
- j. Hold one Sustainability Summit per semester
- k. Give an evaluative presentation before the Senate by the end of each semester outlining the progress of ASWC sustainability initiatives
- l. Investigate forming an ASWC Sustainability Committee

SECTION V FINANCES

1. The Sustainability Director will receive a fair stipend and reasonable working budget from the ASWC Contingency and/or Green funds, as determined by the Finance Committee.

SECTION VI OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. This act must be reviewed and reauthorized every year for it to continue taking effect.

SECTION VII NOTWITHSTANDING

1. Should any provision of this act come into contradiction with the ASWC Constitution or bylaws; or should any provision of this act come into contradiction with Whitman College policy; or should any provision of this act come into contradiction with state or federal law, that specific provision shall be considered null and void, while leaving intact all other complying provisions of this act.