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An Act To Amend the By-laws to Reflect the Change in the Hiring Timeline for the KWCW Director

SECTION I TITLE

1. This act shall be referred to as an Act to Amend the By-laws to Reflect the Change in the Hiring Timeline for the KWCW Director.

SECTION II JUSTIFICATION

1. Due to the amount of information needed to be passed from one KWCW Director to the next, switching to a calendar year hiring process would allow for increased communication between the present and incoming director.
2. This change will promote continuity and preserve institutional knowledge within the KWCW organization.
3. The fall semester is generally more rigorous in terms of hiring, scheduling, and training of staff members and DJs. Switching to a calendar year hire will allow the new director to have experience in this leadership position before going into the more difficult semester.
4. Switching to a calendar year hire also makes it easier for students going abroad to apply for the position.

SECTION III PURPOSE

1. The following By-laws have been amended to make the KWCW Director a hire based on the calendar year instead of the academic year. This will make KWCW a Fall hire, to be confirmed at Senate before the Spring semester.

SECTION IV FORMAT

This Act shall amend the By-laws Article IX, Section 2, on The Nominations Committee to read as follows:

Section 2. Nominating of Chief Media Officers & Whitman Events Board Chair

- A. During the Spring semester, the Nominations Chair shall nominate the ~~General Manager(s)~~ for ~~KWCW~~; Editor(s) for blue moon, Editor in Chief and Publisher of the college newspaper, Editor(s) of quarterlife, and Editor in Chief and Publisher of Wailatpu to serve the following academic year.
 1. The Nominations Chair shall distribute information regarding each open position to the Executive Director of Communication at least ten (10) days before the application closes.

2. The Executive Director of Communication shall communicate this information with the student body at least seven (7) days before the application closes.
- B. During the Fall semester, the Nominations Chair shall nominate the General Manager(s) for KWCW to serve the following calendar year.**
1. **The Nominations Chair shall distribute information regarding each open position to the Executive Director of Communication at least ten (10) days before the application closes.**
 2. **The Executive Director of Communication shall communicate this information with the student body at least seven (7) days before the application closes.**
- C.** Within the first three (3) full weeks of February, the Nominations Committee shall nominate the Chair of the Whitman Events Board.
1. The ASWC Advisor shall be consulted by the Nominations Chair with potential candidates throughout this process.
 2. The Nominations Chair shall distribute information regarding each open position to the Executive Director of Communication at least ten (10) days before the application closes.
 3. The Executive Director of Communication shall communicate this information with the student body at least seven (7) days before the application closes.
- D.** Upon the receipt of all applications and the closure of the application process, the names of the applicants shall be made public for consideration.
- E.** Candidates shall be evaluated by the Nominations Chair and the outgoing Chief Officer(s) based on their written applications. If appropriate, the candidate shall also be evaluated by interviews conducted by the Nominations Chair and the outgoing Chief Officer(s).
1. The Nominations Committee may consult if the Chief Officer(s) requests their participation or is unable to participate.
 2. An Oversight member from the Nominations Committee shall oversee all application processes.
 3. If the Nominations Chair and the Chief Officer(s) cannot reach a consensus, the Nominations Committee shall take over the process.
- F.** The Nominations Chair shall present the decisions to the Senate and make the nominations public to ASWC members. Following a period for relevant feedback on the nominees, the Senate shall ratify the Campus Media Chief Officers and WEB Chair by a simple majority vote at the subsequent Senate meeting.
1. The Nominations Chair shall present any significant objections raised during the waiting period to the Senate.
 2. If a nominee is rejected by the Senate, the Nominations Chair and outgoing Chief Officer(s) shall present a new candidate at the next possible Senate meeting.
- G.** In the event of a vacancy in one of these positions, the Nominations Committee shall evaluate candidates based on their written applications and, when appropriate, interviews conducted by the Committee.

The Act shall further amend the By-laws Article X, Section 1, Subsection B on KWCW to read as follows:

B. ASWC Radio Station (KWCW, 90.5 FM):

1. An educational and entertaining radio broadcasting station shall be operated by an ASWC Radio Policy Council, distinct and separate from the ASWC Student Affairs Committee. The station shall

provide ASWC members with the opportunity to work with the radio-broadcasting medium, and provide the college and local community with creative, informative and entertaining non-commercial programming.

2. The Chief Officer, hereafter referred to as General Manager, shall also ensure that the operation of the station is in conformance with the regulations specified in the station's broadcast license. The General Manager, Policy Council, and all operating staff of KWCW must hold the appropriate FCC operation license.

3. The General Manager shall be charged with the responsibility of administering the radio station and shall serve for a term of one (1) ~~academic calendar~~ year.

i. The General Manager will be selected in the ~~spring~~ **fall** by the Nominations Chair and the outgoing Chief Officer for the following ~~academic calendar~~ year.

SECTION V NOTWITHSTANDING

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.