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*An Act to Amend the By-laws to Include Curriculum Committee in the Nominations Process*

### **SECTION I TITLE**

1. This act shall be referred to as An Act to Amend the By-laws to Include Curriculum Committee in the Nominations Process

### **SECTION II JUSTIFICATION**

1. It is of the utmost importance to have student feedback on changes in the curriculum at Whitman College and having students selected by the Nominations Committee will allow for greater inclusion of student voices in college governance.
2. Where previously the ASWC President and Vice President were specified in the faculty code as the student representatives on the Curriculum Committee due to the confidential nature of the work, the Curriculum Committee is the only major college committee that does not select students through the Nominations process.
3. Students sit on a wide variety of committees including the Council on Student Affairs and the Student Life Committee which address confidential issues. This work has demonstrated the exemplary ability of student representatives to address sensitive matters with the utmost discretion.
4. The Faculty code has already been amended to give ASWC the ability to select representatives to serve on the Curriculum Committee and this change should be reflected in the ASWC bylaws.
5. The proposed changes would allow the Curriculum Committee to conform to the same standards established by the Nominations Committee for all other College Committees.

### **SECTION III PURPOSE**

1. The following By-laws have been amended to include the Curriculum Committee as part of the regular selection process for the Nominations Committee. These changes will allow the Committee to begin the selection process and select students to serve on the Committee beginning in Fall 2017.

### **SECTION IV FORMAT**

This Act shall amend the By-laws Article III, Section Two, Subsection A, Subsubsection 10 to read as follows:

10. Sit on ~~the College Curriculum Committee and~~ the President's Committee on Student Life, as sanctioned by the Faculty Code;

This Act shall further amend the By-laws Article III, Section Two, Subsection B to read as follows:

1. Vote in the Senate;
2. Chair the standing student affairs committee;
3. Sit and vote in the Executive Council;
- ~~4. Sit on the Curriculum Committee;~~
4. Plan, execute and chair, in conjunction with the ASWC Club Director and the standing student affairs committee, at least one (1) town hall meeting per semester;
5. Maintain attendance and excuse absences of senators for Town Hall; and
6. Maintain organization of ASWC legislation by assigning the appropriate number.

This Act shall further amend the By-laws Article IX, Section One, Subsection E to read as follows:

- E. Each member of the Nominations Committee, except for the Oversight member(s), shall be delegated as a representative to the following ASWC-affiliated committees: Student Life Committee, **Curriculum Committee**, Student Technology Advisory Committee, Library Advisory Committee, the President's Budget Advisory Committee, the Bon Appetit Advisory Committee, General Studies Committee, Health Center Advisory Committee, and the Student Registrar Committee.

This Act shall further amend the By-laws Article XII, Section One, Subsection A to read as follows:

### **3. Curriculum Committee**

- i. The Curriculum Committee shall hold meetings on curricular matters at least once a month and shall hold additional meetings on curricular matters as required.**
- ii. The Nominations Committee shall appoint two (2) students to serve as ex officio non-voting members of the committee for the duration of their time at Whitman, who will temporarily remove themselves from discussions at the discretion of the Chair.**

## **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 local state or federal law, that specific provision shall be considered null and void, while leaving intact all other complying provisions of this act.