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*An Act Amending the By-laws to Modify the Position of the ASWC Sustainability Director*

**SECTION I TITLE**

1. This act shall be referred to as An Act Amending The By-laws of the ASWC Sustainability Director.

**SECTION II JUSTIFICATION**

- A. The By-laws state that this position must hold an event to bring all sustainability clubs together every semester. In recent years of putting on this event it seems that this responsibility is not necessary. This event has been poorly attended and does not effectively meet the goals of educating these sustainability clubs.
- B. The expenses of catering a dinner for 40-80 people per semester is substantial and this money could be put to better use within ASWC.
- C. Giving the Sustainability Director more flexibility in deciding how they want to foster communication between clubs allows them to better implement and accomplish goals for that semester.
- D. The Zero Waste Plan, recently passed in Spring of 2017, urges the college to develop strategies and procedures preventing the generation of unnecessary waste; create incentives to reduce waste output; purchase products that are sustainable from production to disposal; reuse pre-existing items; recycle the maximum amount of waste; and minimize the amount of non-recyclable waste. It is vital that the Sustainability Director oversee the implementation of this plan and re-evaluate the document with the Office of Sustainability and the Administration every two years in order to ensure the institution's progress in getting to zero waste.

**SECTION III PURPOSE**

1. To allow the Sustainability Director to choose how to facilitate discussion between clubs
2. To ensure the continued effort in the implementation of the Zero Waste Plan

**SECTION IV FORMAT**

This Act shall amend the By-laws Article III, Section Two, Subsection K on the Duties of the Sustainability Director to read as follows:

Article III. The Executive Council

## Section Two. Duties of Executive Officers

### K. The Sustainability Director shall:

1. Sit on the Sustainability Advisory Committee;
2. Perform community outreach to ASWC-recognized clubs and the broader student body;
3. Advocate for greater sustainability within ASWC;
4. Actively encourage clubs and students to take advantage of ASWC funds, particularly the Green Fund;
5. Meet with the College Sustainability Coordinator to discuss sustainability issues;
6. Maintain the Whitman Sustainability website;
7. ~~Plan and host one event to bring together all ASWC-recognized environmental interest clubs per semester;~~

**Cultivate conversations and discussion between all ASWC-recognized environmental interest clubs at least once a year to ensure clubs are working in collaboration with each other in making Whitman College a more sustainable institution;**

8. Facilitate the application process that forms the ASWC Sustainability Committee, and chair the Committee;

**9. Assess the implementation of the ASWC Zero Waste plan in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability and the Administration and re-evaluate the Zero Waste Plan document every two years.**

## **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.