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## Student Academic Affairs Representation Academic Advocacy Bill

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ASWC Senate Bill

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WHEREAS, in 2015 the Student Academic Affairs and Involvement Bill was passed creating a new position on Senate;

WHEREAS, the Student Academic Affairs and Involvement Bill created a new governing body entitled the Academic Affairs Council;

WHEREAS, only one democratically elected Student Council existed on campus when the Student Academic Affairs and Involvement Bill passed;

WHEREAS, the Frequently Asked Questions Sheet written about the Student Involvement Bill states "Not all Departments currently have active Student Councils...";

WHEREAS, in the two years the position has existed, no more than five councils have existed, and those that are still active do not involve the Academic Affairs Council;

WHEREAS, across the four departments Whittier College provides (Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts) there is minimal communication among the individual disciplines;

WHEREAS, it is our duty as the ASWC Senate to provide (FACE) to students in need of academic support;

WHEREAS, Academic concerns, similar to Residence Hall concerns, are frequent and an area in which advocacy within Senate is vital;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that beginning in the 2017-2018 academic school year, four student councils will be created to exist within each individual Department;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that these councils will hold their own democratic elections that are led by a Department representative and the Academic Affairs Representative;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that these councils will hold the following responsibilities:

1. Promote their council as a safe space for students to voice their academic concerns.
2. Hold biweekly meetings in order to discuss any academic issues that may have come up in their department prior to their biweekly meeting outlined below. (BEFORE FRIDAY?)
3. Send one (or more) members as a representative to meet biweekly with the Academic Affairs Representative to present their constituent reports. (FRIDAY?)

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the councils as a whole will elect an Academic Affairs Representative to serve on ASWC Senate at the end of the academic school year

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this initiative be sent to the following:

Joshua Hartman, ASWC Administrative Advisor

Dr. Paul Kjellberg, Professor of Philosophy and Faculty Advisor to the ASWC Senate

Dr. Darrin Good, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

Dr. Joyce Kauffman, Professor of Political Science and President of the Faculty