

# A.S.W.U.

## Restructuring Amendment

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**Note: Please feel free to read this, and add suggestions that are relevant. We ask that you limit these changes to as not affect the fundamental concepts central to this legislation. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call either of us: Bryan (363-0515). Ryan (370-6896).**

The Board of Directors of the ASWA will be reviewing the following...

1                   **A Resolution to Restructure the Associated**  
2                   **Students of Willamette University**

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5   *Whereas* the workload of the Executive Branch currently surpasses the  
6 ability of the four officers to manage as effectively as possible.

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8   *Whereas* the current structure of the Associated Students of Willamette  
9 University Senate is too large to be as efficient as possible.

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11   *Whereas* the Associated Students of Willamette University are in need of a  
12 Judicial branch to answer constitutional questions.

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14   **Be it Resolved** by this Senate of the Associated Students of  
15 Willamette University: That we shall commit ASWU to integrating the  
16 following changes in the ASWU Constitution;

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19   *Section One (Executive Branch):*

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21   A. The Officers of the Association shall be known as the Executive Council  
22 and shall consist of the President, Vice President of Activities, Vice  
23 President of Elections, and Vice President of Finance.

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25   B. One permanent paid position shall be created under each Vice  
26 President in order to assist him/her with their prescribed duties. These  
27 positions shall include the following: Programming Director, Secretary, and  
28 Treasurer. These individuals shall remain under the supervision of their  
29 respective Vice Presidents. The primary duty of these individuals will be  
30 to assist the Vice Presidents in the day to day operation of their respective  
31 offices. These individuals are employees, all decision making power shall  
32 remain with the Vice Presidents.

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34   C. The current description of Officer's duties, boards, and committees shall  
35 be reviewed and updated with the input of the current Officers.

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37   *Section Two (Legislative Branch):*

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39   The current structure of the ASWU Senate will be eliminated in favor of  
40 the following:

1 1. *Name:* The Senate shall be hereunto known as the *Legislative*  
2 *Council.*

3 2. *Composition:* The Legislative Council shall consist of seven (7)  
4 members of the student body elected at large.

5 a. The Legislative Council shall elect a Chair at the first  
6 meeting of the Council. The Chair is the representative of the Legislative  
7 Council, and shall Chair the Council meetings in the absence of the ASWU  
8 President.

9 3. *Election/Term:* Legislative Council elections shall occur in the  
10 beginning of the spring semester and their terms shall consist of one  
11 calender year. The reasons for this are that terms alternate with ASWU  
12 Officers and freshman and seniors will not be excluded.

13 4. *Duties:*

14 a. The Legislative Council shall meet on a weekly basis to  
15 discuss and set legislative policy concerning the students of the association.

16 b. The meetings will be conducted in the open meeting format.  
17 Members of the student body shall have opportunities to address the  
18 council as well as introduce legislation (following agenda procedure to be  
19 established by the council).

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21 *Section Three (Judicial Branch):*

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23 A third branch of government shall be created in order to interpret the  
24 ASWU constitution, issues of constitutionality, and act as the final appeals  
25 body within ASWU.

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27 1. *Name:* The Judicial branch shall be known as the *Judicial Council.*

28 2. *Composition:* The Judicial Council shall be composed of five (5)  
29 members, one of whom shall be designated as chair at the time of his/her  
30 appointment.

31 3. *Appointment/Term:* The Judicial Council shall be appointed by  
32 Elections Board within the first two weeks of the academic year. The  
33 Elections Board shall designate the chair at the time of the appointments.  
34 Applicants shall indicate a desire to serve as chair on their applications.  
35 The term of office for Judicial Council members shall be one calender year.

36 4. *Duties:* The duties of the Judicial Council shall be to interpret and  
37 rule on all questions relating to the ASWU Constitution, bylaws, election  
38 rules, and any ASWU board or committee procedures.

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41 We shall adopt the following timeline:

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1 1. After adoption of this resolution Senate shall form an ad hoc  
2 committee to begin work on drafting a bill which would integrate the  
3 above changes into the constitution.

4 2. The committee should have the final drafts of the bill to present  
5 to the Senate and student body before the end of Fall Semester of 1993.

6 3. Upon passage of the bill the new Legislative Council members  
7 shall be elected, per election guidelines in the Spring Semester of 1994.

8 4. The new Executive Council shall be elected in the Spring Semester  
9 of 1994.

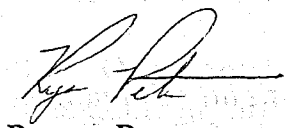
10 5. The new Judicial Council shall be appointed in the Fall Semester of  
11 1994.

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14 Upon two completed calender years under the revised constitution, the  
15 effectiveness of this new government shall be evaluated by the student  
16 government.

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