

Resolution to Create an Exploratory Task Force to Establish a Joint Columbia College and Columbia Engineering Student Council

WHEREAS the CC and SEAS student bodies are closely integrated, sharing the same residential and academic spaces;

WHEREAS the CC and SEAS student bodies often jointly plan and attend a variety of campus events and activities;

WHEREAS many peer institutions of undergraduate education have unified student councils;

WHEREAS there are a number of inefficiencies in the current student governance structure, and unifying the councils would likely streamline and strengthen student decision making;

RECOMMENDS that Columbia College and Columbia Engineering explore the creation of a joint student council active by the 2014-2015 academic year in consultation with the Deans of Engineering and the College and the Dean of Student Life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the councils create a joint Task Force to explore the establishment of a joint Columbia College and Columbia Engineering Student Council. If it is determined by the Task Force to proceed with the integration, then it shall produce a detailed plan to carry out the proposed integration by January 2014. The Task Force shall be constituted of the following members:

1. Student Body Presidents of CCSC and ESC, who shall serve as co-chairs of this Task Force;
2. Vice Presidents for Policy of CCSC and ESC;
3. One member each from the SEAS and CC student bodies, who does not currently serve on CCSC or ESC, chosen by their respective council presidents.
4. One member each from the class councils of ESC and CCSC who shall be chosen by the President through a competitive application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the creation of a joint student council as recommended by the above Task Force, if recommended at all, must be ratified by a referendum of the Columbia College and Columbia Engineering undergraduate student bodies, that the referendum be held in accordance with the with the current stipulations regarding holding referendums under the CCSC and ESC constitutions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the CC and SEAS Undergraduate vote in favor of this integration that the above task force be charged with the task of drafting the new constitution of this Joint Council by the end of April 2014 and that this new

constitution be ratified by a referendum of the Columbia College and Columbia Engineering undergraduate student bodies.

Proponents:

1. Siddhant Bhatt, ESC Student Body President-Elect
2. Daphne Chen, CCSC Student Body President-Elect
3. Karishma Habbu, CCSC Student Body President
4. Tim Qin, ESC Student Body President
5. Matthew Chou, University Senator
6. Akshay Shah, University Senator

Passed by CCSC on Sunday April 14th.
Passed by ESC on Monday April 15th.