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WSU Policy Number: To be filled in by the SU (when passed)

Policy Proposal: Increase to Academic Representation membership on Student Council

Proposing Student's Name:	Seb James Vice President Education
Student Number:	VPE
Seconding Student's Name:	
Student Number:	

Facts: What is the issue you're trying to address? What do we already know about this issue?

- The balance of representation from education sub-council and academic representatives
- I want to make sure it is not viewed that the council only has academic reps as a token role
- Student council reps from education council, currently represent 1 of 2 colleges. This means each rep is representing approx.. 5,000 students each, this is one of the largest portfolios of any member.

Impacts: How does this issue affect students, and in what way? Is it negative?

- Student voice can be lost. Education Councilor's will be unable to accurately champion all students within their remit, as they may have no contact with the students.
- Students feel as though they are not currently represented on the highest level as Education Council only has 2/16 positions on council.

Reacts: What would you like the Students' Union to do to address the issue? How do we need to take it forward?

- It is my suggestion that we increase membership to reflect our academic schools.
- Up to one department rep per school to gain membership of student council.
- If this membership is too large, the following proposal to membership will be: One rep from each of the combined related schools. One Rep for Health (AHC, TCMS, TCSNM) One Rep from Life (SoA, IoE, SSES) One Rep from Academics (SoP, SoH, WBS) with the provision of one additional rep from any of the three areas to support.