

Overview of ASSU Exec Academic Committee

- Comprised of two academic leads
 - ○ **Ngoc Bui, Senior in Sociology**
 - ○ **Sam Feineh, Sophomore in Political Science**
- Functions
 - Identify and address issues within the undergraduate academic experience
 - Bridging faculty, staff, and undergraduate student body in order to advocate for undergraduates

Main Goal for 2016-2017: Diversity in the Major

- History:
 - Began in 2014-2015 academic year; John Lancaster-Finley (President) and Brandon Hill (Vice-President)
- Problem:
 - From our research into the ED requirement, we have found that the University has a very **broad and surface-level conception of diversity**, which does not foster meaningful engagement with issues of diversity
 - Goal:
 - Implement a requirement that students must fulfill for their major where they **engage with issues related to diversity that are relevant to their academic field of study**
- E.g. Examining gender inequity within STEM for engineering majors
- Issues of focus:
 - ○ **Change definition of diversity** within Engaging Diversity requirement to include the impact of **disparate power dynamics**
 - ○ Work with STEM departments in particular to develop course curriculum that counts for an ED requirement
- Collaborative efforts to build curriculum with CCSRE