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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Bylaws
February 10th, 2016
SB32-15/16
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its bylaws;

Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection H, Part 6 of the ASUM bylaws currently states that the maximum expenditure allowed for elections related material is $300.00;

Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection P of the ASUM bylaws currently reads:

P. The ASUM Senate shall not campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum. Any Senator or member of the Executive Team can only campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum as an individual and on a volunteer basis. Any employee of ASUM may be involved in organization efforts, but not direct campaigning.

Whereas, this prevents any member of ASUM from lobbying for or publicly supporting student driven fee increases, such as those to the ASUM Activity Fee;

Whereas, this severely hinders the ability of ASUM to act in the interest of students of the University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, ASUM remains the most invested party in the success of student driven fees, such as the ASUM Activity Fee;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 3, Subsection P of the ASUM bylaws be amended to read:

P. The ASUM Senate shall not campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum, with the exception of a referendum regarding a student-driven fee. Any Senator or member of the Executive Team can only campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum as an individual and on a volunteer basis. Any employee of ASUM may be involved in organization efforts, but not direct campaigning.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that Subsection Q be added to Article V, Section 3 of the ASUM bylaws to read:

Q. Any campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the ASUM Senate.

Passed by Committee: ________________________ , 2016
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