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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Sustainability Board Bylaws
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
Bylaws;

Whereas, Sustainability Board is responsible for leading efforts on behalf of ASUM in pursuing
ambitious goals pertaining to sustainability and affecting change on campus;

Whereas, Sustainability issues are diverse and widespread across various departments throughout
the University of Montana;

Whereas, Sustainability issues are consistently a top priority amongst a passionate student body
and community at large;

Whereas, At least half of the newly appointed senate requested to be placed on ASUM
Sustainability Board;

Whereas, a large number of active and engaged members are needed to fully carry out the
responsibilities and goals of the Board in timely manner;

Whereas, increasing the Board’s number of seats to include more Students-at-Large (SALs)
and/or ASUM Senators would empower ASUM to better engage with issues pertaining to
sustainability;

Whereas, being a Student-At-Large (SAL) on ASUM requires a lot of time and effort without a
definite commitment;

Whereas, designating additional board positions as either SAL/Senator seats would allow more
versatility for service and would make reaching quorum easier;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 20, Subsection A of ASUM Bylaws currently reads:

“A. The Board shall be composed of seven (7) voting members who shall be commended for
appointment by the ASUM Vice President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Of
the seven (7) Board members appointed by ASUM, three (3) shall be members of the ASUM
Senate and four (4) shall be students-at-large, each serving a one-year term. The Director of the
ASUM Sustainability Center shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board. An
ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.”;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 20, Subsection A of ASUM Bylaws be
amended to read as follows:
“A. The Board shall be composed of nine (9) voting members who shall be recommended for appointment by the ASUM Vice President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Of the nine (9) Board members appointed by ASUM, three (3) shall be members of the ASUM Senate, three (3) shall be student-at-large, each serving a one-year term, the remaining three (3) members shall be either ASUM Senators or students-at-large with students-at-large receiving priority, each serving a one-year term. The Director of the ASUM Sustainability Center shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board. An ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.”

Passed by Committee: ______________________________, 2016

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Chair of Sustainability Board                 Chair of the Senate