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

Whereas, the ASUM Constitution Article 2 Section 4 currently states that ASUM must comply with Montana State law;  

Whereas, Montana State Law 2-3-212: Minutes of Meetings -- Public Inspection, currently states, “Appropriate minutes of all meetings required by 2-3-203 to be open must be kept and must be available for inspection by the public”;

Whereas, the only exception of the public meeting according to Montana State Law 2-3-203 is, “(3) The presiding officer of any meeting may close the meeting during the time the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and then if and only if the presiding officer determines that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The right of individual privacy may be waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains and, in that event, the meeting must be open”;

Whereas, it is best practice for public meetings to make and publish minutes;  

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV Section 1. of the Bylaws be amended to read;  

L. Any ASUM Committee determined by the Vice President to contain information or substance relevant to the student body including but not limited to disbursement of student funds, changes in policy affecting students, or information which would not otherwise be made available to the student body via the Senate to take minutes and publish them in their designated committee binder;  

1. The committee minutes must include:  
   a. the date, time, and place of the meeting;  
   b. a list of the individual members of the committee in attendance;  
   c. The substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided; and at the request of any member of the committee, a record of votes by individual members for any votes taken.  

2. The Chair of an ASUM Committee may convene an executive session of the committee in the event that proprietary information is being discussed. No individual who is not a confirmed committee member will be in attendance during an executive session.  
   a. ASUM Committees shall record discussions and decisions made in executive session.
b. Any community member may file a formal complaint with ASUM which shall be brought before the full Senate at the next meeting.

Passed by Committee: ________________________________, 2016

Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________________, 2016

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Connor Fitzpatrick
Chair of Relations & Affairs

Elizabeth Engebretson,
Chair of the Senate