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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Bylaws
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by House Rules and Bylaws;

Whereas, ASUM passed Senate Bill (SB) 09-16/17 on September 28th 2016, which gave all ASUM Committees the authority to review a resolution or motion that is proposed under the “New Business” Section of the Meeting Agenda;

Whereas, specific ASUM Committees have been designated forwarding power, which our bylaws state is the ability to send forward a “seconded motion”. This authority gives the Committee the ability to bring forward items to the Senate without having to go through “New Business”;

Whereas, a seconded motion is distinct from the ability to review a resolution or motion proposed through “New Business”, as a seconded motion does not come through New Business;

Whereas, all ASUM Committees should have the authority to review a resolution or motion that is especially relevant to them if proposed under “New Business”; 

Whereas, the Senate agreed in its September 28th meeting that only a few committees really needed the ability to pass forward a seconded motion;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 1, Subsection J of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads as follows:

J. All approved actions of the University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, Student Political Action, Housing Board, Transportation Board, Sustainability Board, and Board on Budget and Finance may be forwarded to the next ASUM Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded motion meaning that a resolution need not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated under Old Business.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 2, Subsection B of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads as follows:

B. All Changes to the ASUM Bylaws, ASUM Personnel Policy, ASUM House Rules, or any resolution not coming from the University Center Board, Student Political Action, Housing Board, Transportation Board, Sustainability Board, or the Board on Budget and Finance must be presented to the Relations and Affairs Committee prior to going to the Senate.

1. The Relations and Affairs Committee can choose to forward resolutions to the Senate with a do pass, do not pass, or no recommendation at all.
2. The Relations and Affairs Committee may choose not to forward a resolution to the Senate in accordance with procedure in Roberts Rules of Order.

3. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.

Whereas, one of the purposes of SB-09-16/17 was to give other committees (besides Relations and Affairs) the ability to review resolutions that pass through New Business;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 1, Subsection J of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

J. Resolutions and Motions that are proposed through the New Business section of the Meeting Agenda may be reviewed by any relevant ASUM Committee. The reviewing committee for each resolution or motion shall be determined by the process as explained in ASUM House Rules. All ASUM Committees have the ability to forward a resolution or motion to the Senate floor under Unfinished Business if selected as the reviewing body under New Business. In addition, all approved actions of the University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, Student Political Action, Board on Members, Sustainability Board, Board on Budget and Finance, and any ASUM agency oversight board may be forwarded to the next ASUM Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded motion meaning that a resolution need not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated under Unfinished Business.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 2, Subsection B of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

B. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be the default committee for changes to the ASUM Bylaws, ASUM Personnel Policy, or ASUM House Rules and should review resolutions or motions relevant to these areas unless otherwise determined by the Senate during New Business. Relations and Affairs shall also be the default committee to review any resolution that was not proposed under New Business, however any ASUM Committee with the ability to pass forward a seconded motion may review such a resolution instead.

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3. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.

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