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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Constitutional Referenda Regarding Committee Composition**
3 **October 9, 2013**
4 **SB20-13/14**

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6 **Sponsored by: Shelby Dolezal, ASUM Senator**
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) oversee a
9 multitude of committees;

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11 Whereas, the makeup and size of ASUM committees must sometimes be adjusted to fit a
12 changing organization;

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14 Whereas, Article 8, Section 2 of the ASUM Constitution currently reads:

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16 *“The Board on Budget and Finance shall be composed of nine (9) members,*
17 *including the Business Manager as Chair, at least one but not more than four ASUM*
18 *Senators, and at-large student members. Board appointees will be recommended by the*
19 *President in consultation with the Business Manager and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3)*
20 *vote of the ASUM Senate. The Board shall be responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal*
21 *matters”;*

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23 Whereas, currently, in order to change the composition of the Board on Budget and
24 Finance, students must approve the change through constitutional referenda;

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26 Whereas, students only have the opportunity to vote once per year during spring
27 semester;

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29 Whereas, the above means that any change to committee composition must take an entire
30 year to be approved;

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32 Whereas, it is inefficient to wait an entire year to make simple adjustments to committee
33 size;

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35 Whereas, committee size and composition are already contained within ASUM Bylaws;

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37 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that if passed by student vote, Article 8, Section 2 of the
38 ASUM Constitution be amended to read:

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40 *“The Board shall be responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal matters.”*
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42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that referenda language is to be placed on the
43 April, 2014 ballot, reading as follows:

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45 ASUM is requesting that the language contained in Article 8, Section 2, of the
46 ASUM Constitution be amended as follows:

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From:

“The Board on Budget and Finance shall be composed of nine (9) members, including the Business Manager as Chair, at least one but not more than four ASUM Senators, and at-large student members. Board appointees will be recommended by the President in consultation with the Business Manager and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate. The Board shall be responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal matters”

To:

“The Board shall be responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal matters.”

Yes, I support the amended language put forth in this referendum.

No, I do not support the amended language put forth in this referendum.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

Jan Roddy,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate