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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Elections**
3 **December 4, 2013**
4 **SB50-13/14**

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7 Whereas, student groups play an active role on and off campus at The University of
8 Montana (UM);
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10 Whereas, there are currently over 150 recognized student groups on campus;
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12 Whereas, it is not specified in the ASUM bylaws that ASUM candidates cannot seek
13 endorsements during the elections process from ASUM-recognized student groups;
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15 Whereas, during previous elections, when an ASUM candidate was endorsed by an
16 ASUM-recognized student group, the elections board either disqualified the candidate or
17 implemented another form of punishment;
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19 Whereas, during ASUM Senate meetings, ASUM distributes funds to finance the
20 activities of ASUM-recognized student groups;
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22 Whereas, a student group endorsement of an ASUM candidate could be seen as a
23 corrupting agent toward ASUM's budgeting process;
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25 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 6, add subsection B and subsection
26 C which will state:
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28 "B. Any candidate seeking an office within ASUM, who is knowingly endorsed
29 by an ASUM recognized student group shall be suspended from the elections
30 process.
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32 C. Any candidate or candidate team seeking an office within ASUM, who claims
33 to be unknowingly endorsed by an ASUM-recognized student group shall be
34 brought before the Elections Committee, who will then recommend a course of
35 action, which the Senate may choose to overturn by a 2/3 majority vote."
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38 Passed by Committee: December 2, 2013
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40 Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4, 2013
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45 Jan Roddy,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate