SB50-13/14: Elections

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Whereas, student groups play an active role on and off campus at The University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, there are currently over 150 recognized student groups on campus;

Whereas, it is not specified in the ASUM bylaws that ASUM candidates cannot seek endorsements during the elections process from ASUM-recognized student groups;

Whereas, during previous elections, when an ASUM candidate was endorsed by an ASUM-recognized student group, the elections board either disqualified the candidate or implemented another form of punishment;

Whereas, during ASUM Senate meetings, ASUM distributes funds to finance the activities of ASUM-recognized student groups;

Whereas, a student group endorsement of an ASUM candidate could be seen as a corrupting agent toward ASUM’s budgeting process;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 6, add subsection B and subsection C which will state:

“B. Any candidate seeking an office within ASUM, who is knowingly endorsed by an ASUM recognized student group shall be suspended from the elections process.

C. Any candidate or candidate team seeking an office within ASUM, who claims to be unknowingly endorsed by an ASUM-recognized student group shall be brought before the Elections Committee, who will then recommend a course of action, which the Senate may choose to overturn by a 2/3 majority vote.”

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