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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) has not
updated its committee bylaws with changing organization structure;

Whereas, the ASUM Off Campus Renter Center (OCRC) and currently functioning
corresponding committee discussing housing related topics is not representative of the
current bylaws;

Whereas, Section 16 of the ASUM bylaws currently states:

Section 16. Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach:

A. The Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach shall be
composed of 11 voting members, of which two (2) shall be members of the ASUM
Senate; four (4) shall be students-at-large; one (1) shall be from the Office of the
Vice President for Student Affairs; one (1) shall be designated by the Director of
Residence Life; one (1) shall be a representative from the Office of Greek Life;
one (1) shall be the University representative to the University Neighborhood
council; and one (1) shall be a representative from ASUM Legal Services. The
Housing Coordinator shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board.

B. The committee shall be chaired by an ASUM Senator.

C. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those members currently holding
positions. This committee shall meet and have quorum one (1) time a month
during the academic year.

D. Duties and functions of the Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood
Outreach will include:

1. Hiring and firing of the Housing Coordinator and other positions as
   needed.
2. Establishing and maintaining a performance evaluation policy for the
   Housing Coordinator and other employees.
3. Annually reviewing and Office of Off-Campus Housing and
   Neighborhood Outreach budget.
4. Giving a binding vote on expenditures of $100 or more from the
   Office’s budget.
5. Submitting for approval to the ASUM Senate any project which a)
   amounts to $500 or more from the Office’s annual budget, and b)is
approved in committee by anything less than a unanimous decision of
all members present.

6. Developing a short term (one year or less) plan to be decided at the
first meeting of each academic year. The plan may be amended at any
point with a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

E. The Chair of the Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach,
in coordination with the ASUM Off-Campus Housing Director, shall present an
annual report identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the
administration to reflect current student needs.

F. The Chair of the Board on Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach,
in coordination with the ASUM Off-Campus Housing Director, shall present a full
evaluation and a specific five-year strategic plan to address identified student
needs every five (5) years.

Whereas, Section 19 of the ASUM bylaws states:

Section 19. Housing Board

A. Student Housing Board

1. The Student Housing Board shall be composed of eight (8) members,
of which three (3) shall be ASUM Senators, four (4) shall be students-at-large. The Director of the Off-Campus Renter Center (OCRC)
shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board.

2. An ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.

3. The Board shall meet a minimum of one (1) time per month during
the academic year.

4. The Chair shall act for the Board in its absence, subject to its review.

5. The Board shall assist in the annual personnel review of the Housing
Coordinator. The Board shall approve OCRC budget and approve
expenditures of $200.00 or more from the budget.

B. Housing Advisory Board

1. The Housing Advisory Board shall consist of the Student Housing
Board, the Vice President for Student Affairs, a designee from
Residence Life, Greek Life, and Legal Services, and the University
representative to the University Neighborhood Council.

2. The Board shall be chaired by the same ASUM Senator chairing the
Student Housing Board.

3. The Board shall meet at the discretion of the Chair with a minimum
of once per academic year.

4. The Board shall review the mission and direction of the OCRC in
order to help give direction for the year.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 1, Subsection J states:
"All approved actions of the University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, Student Political Action, 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, the ASUM Housing Board regularly discusses items of a time-sensitive nature;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 16 of ASUM Bylaws is amended to read:

Section 16. ASUM Housing and Off Campus Renter Center Oversight Board

A. The ASUM Housing and Off Campus Renter Center Oversight Board (Housing Board) shall be composed of no fewer than six (6) and no greater than ten (10) voting members; three (3) shall be voting members of the ASUM Senate, and at least three (3) shall be students-at-large. The chair shall not be included in the count for Senators or students-at-large. The Director of the ASUM Off Campus Renter Center (OCRC) shall serve as a non-voting member of the board, unless determined by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board.

B. The ASUM Housing Board will meet a minimum of once per month during the academic year. Additional meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the chair.

C. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the board by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote. These subcommittees shall be made up of members of the Housing Board as well as additional students-at-large if necessary. They shall present a report on their activities to the Housing Board once per month, or at the request of any member of the Housing Board.

D. The committee shall be chaired by the appointed chair from the ASUM Senate, who shall vote only in the case of a tie. The Housing Board may choose to appoint a student-at-large to the position of chair with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board at any point during the year.

E. No paid employee or intern of the ASUM OCRC shall be a voting member of the board.

F. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those members currently holding positions, or four (4) members; whichever is greater.

G. Any member of the Housing Board who fails to attend three (3) or more board meetings in any given semester without prior approval from the chair shall be subject to removal.

H. Duties and functions of the Housing Board shall include:
1. Reviewing the operations of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, the programs functioning inside the ASUM OCRC, and the applicable personnel within the ASUM OCRC;
2. During the creation, implementation, discontinuation, and ongoing operations of programs within the ASUM OCRC the board shall act in a consulting and advisory role to the ASUM OCRC Director;
3. The board, by a simple majority of voting members, may bring any program or project under its review;
4. The board shall act in an advising capacity to the personnel supervisor during the staff evaluations process, if requested;
5. The board shall oversee all applicable subcommittees, and reserves the authority to create, discontinue, or bring under review, any subcommittee by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members;
6. The board must approve OCRC expenses over $300 with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, unless these expenses are related to wages or benefits of long-standing (older than one-year) ASUM OCRC positions;
   1. In the event that the board cannot meet to approve an expenditure, an email vote will be accepted with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members.
7. Making a report to the ASUM Senate regarding its decisions and discussion topics at one ASUM Senate meeting per month;
8. Discuss and develop long-term (5 years) and short term (1 year) programmatic and functional plans for the ASUM OCRC, review this plan once per semester;
9. Publish an annual report identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the ASUM OCRC within the current academic year's strategic plan.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Article IV, Section 1, subsection J be amended to read:

“All approved actions of the University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, Student Political Action, Housing 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.”

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