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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Bylaws**
3 **March 27, 2013**
4 **SB68-12/13**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has not
11 updated its committee bylaws with changing organization structure;

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

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17 Whereas, Section 16 of the ASUM bylaws currently states:

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

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

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

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

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

- 35 1. *Hiring and firing of the Housing Coordinator and other positions as*
36 *needed.*
- 37 2. *Establishing and maintaining a performance evaluation policy for the*
38 *Housing Coordinator and other employees.*
- 39 3. *Annually reviewing and Office of Off-Campus Housing and*
40 *Neighborhood Outreach budget.*
- 41 4. *Giving a binding vote on expenditures of \$100 or more from the*
42 *Office's budget.*
- 43 5. *Submitting for approval to the ASUM Senate any project which a)*
44 *amounts to \$500 or more from the Office's annual budget, and b)is*

45 *approved in committee by anything less than a unanimous decision of*
46 *all members present.*

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

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

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

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59 Whereas, Section 19 of the ASUM bylaws states:

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61 ***Section 19. Housing Board***

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63 ***A. Student Housing Board***

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

68 2. *An ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.*

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

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

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

75 ***B. Housing Advisory Board***

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

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

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

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

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87 Whereas, Article IV, Section 1, Subsection J states:

88 *“All approved actions of the University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, Student*
89 *Political Action, and Board on Budget and Finance may be forwarded to the next ASUM*
90 *Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded motion meaning that a resolution need*
91 *not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated under Old*
92 *Business”;*
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94 Whereas, the ASUM Housing Board regularly discusses items of a time-sensitive nature;
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96 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 16 of ASUM Bylaws is amended to read:
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98 Section 16. ASUM Housing and Off Campus Renter Center Oversight Board
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100 A. The ASUM Housing and Off Campus Renter Center Oversight Board
101 (Housing Board) shall be composed of no fewer than six (6) and no greater than
102 ten (10) voting members; three (3) shall be voting members of the ASUM
103 Senate, and at least three (3) shall be students-at-large. The chair shall not be
104 included in the count for Senators or students-at-large. The Director of the ASUM
105 Off Campus Renter Center (OCRC) shall serve as a non-voting member of the
106 board, unless determined by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board.
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108 B. The ASUM Housing Board will meet a minimum of once per month during the
109 academic year. Additional meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the
110 chair.
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112 C. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the board by a
113 two thirds (2/3) majority vote. These subcommittees shall be made up of members
114 of the Housing Board as well as additional students-at-large if necessary. They
115 shall present a report on their activities to the Housing Board once per month, or
116 at the request of any member of the Housing Board.
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118 D. The committee shall be chaired by the appointed chair from the ASUM
119 Senate, who shall vote only in the case of a tie. The Housing Board may choose to
120 appoint a student-at-large to the position of chair with a two-thirds (2/3) majority
121 vote of the board at any point during the year.
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123 E. No paid employee or intern of the ASUM OCRC shall be a voting member of
124 the board.
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126 F. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those members currently holding
127 positions, or four (4) members; whichever is greater.
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129 G. Any member of the Housing Board who fails to attend three (3) or more board
130 meetings in any given semester without prior approval from the chair shall be
131 subject to removal.
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133 H. Duties and functions of the Housing Board shall include:

- 134 1. Reviewing the operations of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter
135 Center, the programs functioning inside the ASUM OCRC, and the
136 applicable personnel within the ASUM OCRC;
137 2. During the creation, implementation, discontinuation, and
138 ongoing operations of programs within the ASUM OCRC the board
139 shall act in a consulting and advisory role to the ASUM OCRC
140 Director;
141 3. The board, by a simple majority of voting members, may bring
142 any program or project under its review;
143 4. The board shall act in an advising capacity to the personnel
144 supervisor during the staff evaluations process, if requested;
145 5. The board shall oversee all applicable subcommittees, and
146 reserves the authority to create, discontinue, or bring under review,
147 any subcommittee by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members;
148 6. The board must approve OCRC expenses over \$300 with a two-
149 thirds (2/3) majority vote, unless these expenses are related to wages
150 or benefits of long-standing (older than one-year) ASUM OCRC
151 positions;
152 1. In the event that the board cannot meet to approve an
153 expenditure, an email vote will be accepted with a two-thirds
154 (2/3) majority of voting members.
155 7. Making a report to the ASUM Senate regarding its decisions
156 and discussion topics at one ASUM Senate meeting per month;
157 8. Discuss and develop long-term (5 years) and short term (1 year)
158 programmatic and functional plans for the ASUM OCRC, review this
159 plan once per semester;
160 9. Publish an annual report identifying the achievements and areas
161 of potential growth of the ASUM OCRC within the current academic
162 year's strategic plan.

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

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

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181 Damara Simpson,
182 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate