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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Election Bylaws**
3 **March 27, 2013**
4 **SB71-12/13**

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9 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has a duty to
10 ensure fair and balanced elections;

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12 Whereas, ASUM has limitations on campaign expenditures intended to create an even
13 playing field;

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15 Whereas, these limitations prevent candidates that are better financed from having an
16 unfair advantage;

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18 Whereas, during past elections there has been confusion as to whether certain office
19 supplies ought to be documented on a campaign expenditure report or not;

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21 Whereas, these office supplies are general household items that every candidate has
22 access to and thus the playing field is already even;

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24 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section H, Subsection 7 of ASUM Bylaws
25 be added that reads:

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27 Office space and office supplies including, but not limited to, scissors, markers,
28 pens, pencils, staplers, staples, and tape do not need to be documented for
29 promotion of candidates or ballot referenda. Items not listed above are at the
30 discretion of the Elections Committee, with majority approval of ASUM Senate.
31 Paper products, printing cost, and the like are not covered under this exemption.

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33 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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36 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

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41 Damara Simpson,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate