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Resolution Amending Election Bylaws
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has a duty to ensure fair and balanced elections;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Damara Simpson,  Bryn Hagfors,
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