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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending the ASUM Constitution**

3 **April 10, 2013**

4 **SB77-12/13**

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6 **Sponsored by:**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) have a vested
9 interest in diverse and functioning committees;

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11 Whereas, the small size of the Board on Budget and Finance (Board) leaves the absence
12 of one or two members particularly noticeable;

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14 Whereas, Students-at-Large have been difficult to come by over the last few years;

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16 Whereas, the ASUM Senate has previously expressed support for a larger Board;

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18 Whereas, a greater amount of Senators on the Board will help serve the needs of the
19 student body;

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21 Whereas, the student body has grown considerably since the ASUM Constitution was
22 written;

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24 Whereas, ASUM should update its Constitution to reflect the needs of a changing student
25 body;

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27 Whereas, Article 8, Section 2 of the ASUM Constitution currently states:

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29 The Board on Budget and Finance shall be composed of seven (7) members,
30 including the Business Manager as Chair, at least one but not more than two
31 ASUM Senators, and at-large student members. Board appointees will be
32 recommended by the President in consultation with the Business Manager and
33 confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate. The Board shall be
34 responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal matters.

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that should a referendum on this issue pass that Article 8,
37 Section 2 of the ASUM Constitution shall be amended to state:

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39 The Board on Budget and Finance shall be composed of **nine (9)** members,
40 including the Business Manager as Chair, at least one but not more than **four**
41 ASUM Senators, and at-large student members. Board appointees will be
42 recommended by the President in consultation with the Business Manager and
43 confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate. The Board shall be
44 responsible for advising ASUM on all fiscal matters.

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46 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate approves the following
47 language to be placed on the ballot in the next permitted referendum and election process:

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49 Composition of the Board on Budget and Finance

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51 The Board on Budget and Finance is currently composed of seven members:
52 ASUM Business Manager, one or two ASUM Senators and the remainder as
53 Students-at-Large. This increase would add the ability of ASUM to appoint two
54 additional Senators to the Board on Budget and Finance, bringing the Board's
55 total to nine.

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57 ___ Yes, I support increasing the size of the Board on Budget and Finance.

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60 ___ No, I do not support increasing the size of the Board on Budget and Finance.

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63 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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66 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

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71 Damara Simpson,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate