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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) have a vested interest in prudent spending;

Whereas, a primary election can be expensive;

Whereas, holding a primary election just to eliminate one or two candidates in a limited election season denies the student body additional time to decide upon candidates;

Whereas, primary elections are best used to narrow a wide field of candidates;

Whereas, a primary election should not be cancelled if a substantial minority of the student body wishes for one to be held;

Whereas, ASUM should update its by-laws and policies to suit a changing organization;

Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection A, Part 3 of ASUM Bylaws states:

3. A primary election shall be held for each Executive position having more than two (2) candidates. If a primary election is held, the two (2) candidates for each position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 3, Subsection A, Part 3 of the ASUM Bylaws shall be amended to state:

3. A primary election shall be held for each Executive position having more than two (2) candidates. If a primary election is held, the two (2) candidates for each position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election. If only one Executive position has enough candidates running to warrant a primary election, the primary election may be omitted if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASUM Senate.

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