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SB38-11/12: Amending Election Bylaws

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Whereas, the current Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) election rules allow any entity to use its election process to assess student fees whether they are connected to the University or a completely separate entity;

Whereas, a non-University entity is defined as a group or organization which is not in any way directly affiliated with The University of Montana or ASUM;

Whereas, ASUM is the organization entrusted with representing the student voice;

Whereas, ASUM can adjust its rules to ensure their duty of representing students is being most effectively met;

Whereas, ASUM has the ability to place meaningful restrictions upon the elections process, such as spending limits, due dates, and neutral referendum language;

Whereas, ASUM desires to control its own election process to make sure student fees are being fairly and efficiently assessed;

Whereas, the cost of attendance at The University of Montana can range in cost between $2,860.85 and $10,744.25, not factoring in the cost of food or housing;

Whereas, the stated goals of any non-University entity may not be supported by portions of the student body;

Whereas, an "opt-in" fee is one where the default option is non-payment of the fee.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Article V, Section 1, Subsection A be amended to include Clause 5, which shall state:

“A non-ASUM agency or non-recognized student group may utilize the ASUM election process to institute only an opt-in fee.”

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that Article V, Sect. 1, Subsection A be amended to include Clause 6, which shall state:
“The senate, in response to a university initiated fee, may utilize the ASUM elections process to institute or implement a dedicated student fee.”

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