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SB40-11/12: Amending ASUM Constitution

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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 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;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Article 10, Constitutional Referendum, be amended to include Section 3, which shall state:

“There are three types of student fees that can be levied by referenda.

a. Mandatory/All students pay
b. Student must opt-in at registration
c. Student can opt-out after registration

Only the ASUM Senate, ASUM Agencies, recognized student groups, or The University of Montana can institute a mandatory or opt-out fee structure.

All other groups are limited to an opt-in fee structure, where a student may decide upon registration whether or not to pay the fee.”

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that this amendment can only go into effect pending a positive vote in the April election.
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Passed by ASUM Senate: ______________________, 2012

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