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The Associated Students of The University of Montana

Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Increased Senate Delegation Size

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Senate Bill Number: SB43-11/12

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Whereas, the ASUM Senate is the 23 member representational body for The University of Montana students;
Whereas, the ASUM Senate represents the student voice on over 150 committees, both within ASUM and in the University community;
Whereas, each ASUM Senator during the 2011-2012 academic year, on average, were asked to actively participate on nine (9) committees, represent and be a liaison with an average of nine (9) student groups, and represent nearly 800 students each;
Whereas, senators consistently have a full-time academic load, employment and other groups in which they participate;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the following language be submitted to the April 2012 elections:

“The Associated Students of The University of Montana currently has a student senate consisting of twenty (20) members and three (3) executives. Student enrollment at The University of Montana has seen a steady increase, resulting in greater demands on representatives’ obligations to committees, student groups and students. The ASUM proposes an amendment to the Article 4, Section 1, Subsection 1 and Article 7, Section 4, Subsection b of the constitution that allows for a 26 member Senate to better serve and represent the students of The University of Montana.

Do you support a change to the ASUM constitution to allow for a 26 member Senate?
Yes, I support increasing the ASUM Senate to a 26 member body.
No, I do not support increasing the ASUM Senate to a 26 member body.”

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2012
Passed by ASUM Senate: ____________________________, 2012

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Travis Suzuki, Jeff Edmunds,
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