SB08-08/09: Amending Bylaws Section 4

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Whereas, current Bylaws require student groups to submit “membership lists of its recognized organizations to be available and open for inspection by the public”;  

Whereas, this regulation places an undue burden upon certain groups, potentially opening their memberships to intimidation and discrimination;  

Whereas, even if no actual list misuse were to take place, the potential for abuse is great enough to deter some students from joining a group;  

Whereas, all students should feel comfortable joining the campus organizations of their choice; 

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM Bylaws Section 4.E be amended to read: 

E. The general policy of ASUM is to require membership lists of its recognized organizations to be available and open for inspection by the public. This policy is to promote openness and to ensure that recognized groups and organizations are composed of ASUM members. Since ASUM recognized groups and organizations receive access to various University facilities and have the ability to apply for ASUM funding, verification of membership for ASUM groups is required. Any group not providing a complete list of membership will not be recognized by ASUM. 

F. Any group seeking ASUM recognition that desires the confidentiality of its membership must apply to the Board on Member Organizations for confidentiality approval. The application should contain an explanation of the purpose of the group and the need for confidentiality. If the Board on Member Organizations approves the request, the group must accomplish the following: 

1. A copy of a membership list must be provided to the Board on Membership Chair, ASUM Office Manager. This list must be kept confidential by the Chair. 

2. The Board on Membership Chair Office Manager shall confirm with the Registrar the membership list is composed of at least 15 eligible members. Upon confirmation, the Office Manager will shred the list. 

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