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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution amending ASUM Bylaws Articles I, II, and III**
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 Senate Bill SB38-08/09

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4 Whereas, ASUM Bylaws are inconsistent, vague, or confusing in places and are in need of general revision,
5 clarification, and update;

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7 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM amends Bylaws Articles 1-3 in the following ways;
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9 **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

10 **Section 1.** Definition of Membership: All students enrolled at The University of Montana who have paid the
11 student activity fee for the current semester are ASUM members.

12 **Section 2.** Any member of the Association is entitled to vote *in all ASUM elections*, run for office (upon
13 meeting qualifications) and to exercise the various rights and privileges of membership.

14 **Section 3.** The Activity Fee shall be assessed to all students registered for seven (7) or more credits during the
15 fall and Spring Semesters. A reduced Activity Fee is assessed during the Summer Session.

16 **Section 4.** Students who have arranged with ~~the University Controller's Office~~ *Business Services* for temporary
17 deferment of the student activity fee are active members of ASUM, as long as their fee status is satisfactory
18 with ~~the Controller's Office~~ *Business Services*.

19 **ARTICLE II - QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

20 **Section 1.** Qualifications for Officers:

21 A. All officers must meet qualifications as defined in Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution.

22 B. All Officers must be ASUM members for the duration of their terms of office, in addition to any
23 requirements stipulated in the ASUM Personnel Policy.

24 **Section 2.** Duties:

25 All officers must carry out their duties as listed in the Constitution.

26 A. President

27 1. The President shall give a weekly report to the Senate.

28 2. All chairs and members of committees shall be recommended for appointment by the President and
29 confirmed by the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

30 3. In case of resignation or removal of any agency director, the President's temporary designee shall assume
31 responsibility for the position until a new director is appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

32 B. Vice President

33 1. The Vice President shall give a weekly report to the Senate.

34 2. The Vice President shall be in charge of finding a minimum of ~~four (4)~~ *one (1)* Senators ~~monthly~~ *weekly* to
35 table in the UC and *two (2) Senators monthly at the COT*, ~~two (2) for each campus~~. These events shall be
36 reflected on the ASUM Senate agenda weekly and monthly, respectively.

37 3. *The Vice President will organize and enforce the office hour requirement for Senators.*

38 C. Business Manager

39 1. The Business Manager shall give a weekly Budget & Finance report to the Senate.

40 D. ~~Senators and Executives will be required to attend~~ *organize* a fall retreat, and ~~an optional~~ *may also organize*
41 *a spring retreat will also be offered.*

42 E. ~~All ASUM Executives and Senators are required to staff an ASUM table in the UC and the College of~~
43 ~~Technology (COT) no less than one hour, once a month, with the purpose of staying in touch with the student~~
44 ~~body at U of M to address issues of concern. ASUM tabling will be overseen by the Vice President.~~

45 D. ~~All ASUM Executives and Senators are required to attend an ASUM Seminar to be offered fall semester.~~
46 ~~The class will be no more than once a week and no longer than two hours per class. If the ASUM class conflicts~~
47 ~~with a Senator's or Executive's class or work schedule, they will not be required to participate. In addition,~~
48 ~~Senators and Executives will be required to attend a fall organizational meeting, and an optional spring retreat~~
49 ~~will also be offered.~~

50 E. ~~All ASUM Executives and Senators are required to staff an ASUM table in the UC no less than one hour~~
51 ~~once a month with the purpose of staying in touch with the student body at U of M to address issues of concern.~~
52 ~~ASUM tabling will be overseen by the Vice President.~~

53 *(New Section) E. The Barbara Hollmann Administrator of the Year Award*

54 *1. At the last meeting of the outgoing ASUM Senate, this honor shall be presented to the recipient.*

55 *2. The recipient shall be nominated by the ASUM Executives and confirmed by the Relations and Affairs*
56 *Committee through a discussion of potential recipients.*

57 *3. The recipient shall be judged on his/her ability to champion student issues.*

58 *4. The recipient must show a willingness to include students throughout the entire decision-making process on*
59 *campus-wide issues.*

60 *5. The recipient must also show a willingness to listen to students with the goal of understanding concerns.*

62 **ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF SENATORS**

63 **Section 1. Qualifications of Senators**

64 A. All senators must meet qualifications as defined in Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution.

65 B. All Senators must be ASUM members for the duration of their terms of office.

66 **Section 2. Duties.**

67 All senators must carry out their duties as listed in the Constitution and Personnel Policy.

68 A. All Senators shall serve on at least two boards or committees unless specifically exempted by the Vice
69 President.

70 B. All Senators shall attend all Senate *and committee* meetings, for the duration of the meeting, unless excused
71 by the President or the chair.

72 C. Any presidential appointments made to fill vacant Senate seats shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3)
73 majority vote of the Senate.

74 D. All Senators shall formally be required to hold one office hour each five-day week in the ASUM office on
75 the mountain campus. ~~The Vice President shall be entrusted with the duty to organize and enforce the office~~
76 ~~hour requirement of Senators. The Vice President shall retain the discretionary power as to any manner of~~
77 ~~publication of Senator office hours. This shall be overseen by the Vice President.~~

78 1. This office hour must occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

79 2. Failure to do so beyond three missed office hours will result in an unexcused absence.

80 3. The office hours will be started by the Monday before the third Senate meeting and will be held each day that
81 regular classes meet. Office hours will not be required during days when classes are not held, during the week
82 of formal lobbying, or during the week before finals week.

83 *(New Section) E. At least once each semester, all ASUM Senators are required to staff a weekly ASUM table in*
84 *the UC as well as a monthly table at the COT no less than one hour with the purpose of staying in touch with*
85 *the student body to address issues of concern. ASUM tabling will be overseen by the Vice President.*

86 *(New Section) F. All Senators will be required to attend a fall retreat and a spring retreat if one is offered.*

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92 Andrew Dusek,
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