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1                                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Updating ASUM House Rules**  
                                      **February 4, 2009**  
                                      **Senate Bill SB40-08/09**

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

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7   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM amends House Rules in the following ways:  
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9   **ARTICLE I: PROCEDURES**

10   **Section 1. Oath of Office:**

11   **A.** All Executives and Senators shall be duly sworn in, by the Dean of Students or his/her designee at the first  
12   regularly scheduled Senate meeting, with the following oath: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully  
13   execute the office of President/Vice-President/Business Manager/Senator of the Associated Students of the  
14   University of Montana, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the rights and privileges  
15   of the students of the University of Montana, and will responsibly undertake all duties necessary to secure these  
16   ends.

17   **Section 2. Senate Meetings:**

18   **A.** Unless the ASUM Constitution or Bylaws dictate otherwise, Senate meetings shall be conducted according  
19   to *the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. The Senate may amend its own rules of  
20   parliamentary law by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, and those rules shall become part of the House Rules.

21   **B.** In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the Business Manager shall chair Senate  
22   meetings. In the absence of all officers, the Senate shall select a temporary chair from its membership, approved  
23   by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

24   **C.** All proposed resolutions and motions introduced during "New Business" shall be placed under "Unfinished  
25   Business" for the following Senate meeting. Discussion and voting may take place only under "Unfinished  
26   Business" unless the Senate suspends the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

27   **D.** Resolutions or motions to support or oppose increases in University of Montana or ASUM student fees shall  
28   be held under "Unfinished Business" until the Senate meeting two weeks after its introduction.

29   **E.** All approved actions of University Center Board, Relations and Affairs, *Student Political Action*, and Board  
30   on Budget and Finance may be forwarded to the next ASUM Senate meeting as a seconded motion, a seconded  
31   motion meaning that a resolution need not be submitted under New Business and after one week be debated  
32   under "Unfinished Business."

33   **F.** All Senate resolutions introduced as "New Business" must be given to the Vice President *and the Office*  
34   *Manager* in ~~either electronic or typewritten~~ form before 5 12 p.m. on the ~~Monday~~ *Friday* preceding the meeting  
35   at which they are to be debated under "Unfinished Business." Resolutions not in compliance with this rule shall  
36   be *accepted at the discretion of the committee chair* ~~automatically withdrawn~~.

37   **G.** All resolutions introduced under "New Business" shall be referred by the Vice President, acting as  
38   committee whip, to the appropriate committee or board. Prior to debate before the full Senate, the committee or  
39   board shall give its recommendation either for or against approval, or may elect not to forward a resolution to  
40   the Senate.

41 **H.** The Vice President shall post, in the ASUM office, a list of all resolutions submitted for consideration at the  
42 next ASUM Senate meeting 24 hours preceding the meeting. The list shall state the ASUM standing committee  
43 to which each resolution has been referred.

44 **I.** Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and Senators currently holding  
45 office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

46 **J.** No Executive or Senator may do homework, use a personal phone or leave the Senate meeting prior to  
47 adjournment without returning or the consent of the Chair. Violations that occur after one warning will result in  
48 an unexcused absence.

49 **K.** The final vote on all resolutions voted on by the ASUM Senate requires a roll call vote unless approved by  
50 unanimous consent.

51 **Section 3. Impeachment and Removal:**

52 **A.** Any officer or member of the Senate may be impeached for:

53 **1.** breach of duties as stated in the Constitution or Bylaws;

54 **2.** failing to attend three regularly scheduled Senate meetings (and/or ASUM committee meetings), per *semester*  
55 *year*, without an excuse approved by the chair (Vice President);

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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57 Andrew Dusek,  
Relations and Affairs Chair

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Siri Smillie,  
Chair of the Senate