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The Associated Students of The University of Montana  
Resolution Amending By-Laws Article IV  
Senate Bill Number 38-07/08  
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Whereas, the Constitution of the Associated Students of The University of Montana, approved by ASUM Central Board December 2, 1987 and by ASUM Student Membership February 5, 1988, defines the governance of the Publications Board, under Article IX Section 2 D:

D. The Board shall adhere to the ASUM Constitution and Bylaws.

Whereas, the ASUM Constitution defines the purpose of the Publications Board, under Article IX Section 1 as:

The purpose of the Board is to appoint the Editor and Business Manager of the Montana Kaimin, and to oversee general operations of all ASUM publications, without infringing on First Amendment rights.

Whereas, ASUM Bylaws Article IV Section 8 B defines the purpose of the Publications Board as:

B. The Board shall be responsible for appointing the Editor and Business Manager of the Montana Kaimin. Additionally, the Board shall appoint the Editor and Business Manager of Cutbank and any other ASUM-funded student publications.

Whereas, ASUM currently does not exercise jurisdiction over the leadership appointment of any ASUM Student Groups, with the exception of "ASUM publications;"

Whereas, "any other ASUM-funded student publication" must include all ASUM-funded student publications, such as The Geology Club News Letter, The Oval, CAMAS, Cutbank, etc.;

Whereas, By-laws Article IV Section 8 B may be considered an excess of the intent of the ASUM Constitution Article IX Section 2 D:

Whereas, the appointment of editors and business managers to all ASUM-funded student publications is unnecessary and intrusive on the autonomy of ASUM student groups;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin is supported by a separate activity fee, and therefore not an ASUM-funded student publication;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM strikes from Bylaws Article IV Section 8 B the following:

B. The Board shall be responsible for appointing the Editor and Business Manager of the Montana Kaimin. Additionally, the Board shall appoint the Editor and Business Manager of Cutbank and any other ASUM-funded student publications.

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