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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its bylaws;

Whereas, ASUM oversees student group recognition;

Whereas, this responsibility primarily falls under the Board on Member Organizations;

Whereas, this is documented in Article IV, Section 4 of ASUM Bylaws;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 4, Subsection H states:

“H. A group containing non-members may achieve recognition so long as its total membership is at least 85% ASUM members.”

Whereas, this policy is nearly impossible to enforce;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 4, Subsection I states:

“I. Officers of organizations seeking ASUM recognition must be ASUM activity fee-paying students.”

Whereas, this policy makes recognition difficult for student groups that contain part-time students and distant learning students to receive recognition;

Whereas, ASUM does not verify if officers pay the fee or not;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 4, Subsection H of ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:

“H. A group containing non-members may achieve recognition so long as its total membership is at least 85% ASUM members. **This requirement can be waived by recommendation from the Board on Member Organizations and a 2/3rd confirmation from the ASUM Senate.**”

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 4, Subsection I of ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:
I. Officers of organizations seeking ASUM recognition must be ASUM activity fee-paying students. This requirement can be waived by recommendation from the Board on Member Organizations and a 2/3rd conformation from the ASUM Senate.”

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