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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Bylaws for Student Group Liaisons
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its bylaws;

Whereas, ASUM represents nearly 200 student groups;

Whereas, student groups participate in a wide spectrum of events and activities that bring value to their members, the student experience, and the University of Montana;

Whereas, communication from student groups to the ASUM Senate is often limited to requests for funding;

Whereas, the communication to student groups from ASUM Senate is largely indirect and may not be effective;

Whereas, ASUM holds an annual budgeting period, annual recognition requirement, and biannual travel funding periods, in addition to special allocation processes.

Whereas, the aforementioned processes can be confusing and/or overwhelming to student groups;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved; that the ASUM Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 be amended to read:

“B. All ASUM Senators shall serve as a Student Group Liaison to a minimum of four (4) student groups.

- Student Group Liaisons will be appointed by the Vice President in collaboration with the President, and Business Manager.
- The liaison will be responsible for communicating with the student group about pertinent ASUM activities such as, but not limited to; fall group recognition, fall and spring travel requests, annual budgeting expectations and deadlines, open senate seats, relevant ASUM business, etc.
- The liaison will be responsible to communicate any pertinent student group activities such as, but not limited to; meeting times, special events, and awards/recognition to the Vice President, Business Manager, and/or Senate.
- The liaison will attend a minimum of one student group meeting per semester for each of their assigned student groups.
- The liaison must cc the Vice President and Business Manager in their initial correspondence with each of their assigned student groups.
- Liaisons will be expected to stand for questions before the Senate in the absence of a member of their assigned student groups.
Liaisons will be expected to advocate for and/or convey relevant information for the student groups for whom they serve as the liaison when the group’s requests are being considered by the Senate.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the consecutive Items in the ASUM Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 be adjusted to reflect these changes.

Passed by Committee: __________________________, 2015

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2015

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Kaitlin Hopingardner,      Betsy Story,
Chair of Relations & Affiars  Chair of the Senate