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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Office Hours Bylaws**
3 **September 30th, 2015**
4 **SB10-15/16**

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9 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
10 Constitution Article 7 – Elections, Section 1; Bylaws, Article II – Qualifications and Duties of
11 Officers, Section 1(A)(B); Bylaws;

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13 Whereas, Article III – Qualifications and Duties of Senators, Section 2 Subsection E of the
14 ASUM Bylaws reads:

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16 E. All Senators shall formally be required to hold one office hour each five-day week.
17 This shall be overseen by the Vice President.

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19 1. This office hour must occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
20 2. Failure to do so beyond three missed office hours will result in an unexcused absence.
21 3. The office hours will be started by the Monday before the third Senate meeting and
22 will be held each day that regular classes meet. Office hours will not be required during
23 days when classes are not held, during the week of formal lobbying, or during the week
24 before finals week.
25 4. Senators holding their office hours will be involved in activities that promote ASUM
26 and help to maintain contact with the student body. Office hour activities should include,
27 but are not limited to, tabling in the University Center or College of Technology,
28 answering questions of walk-in-students, or assisting Office Staff or ASUM Executives
29 with needed tasks.
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31 Whereas, ASUM Senators are responsible for representing the student body;

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33 Whereas, direct connection between ASUM and the student body is occasionally very limited;

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35 Whereas, many students throughout campus are unaware of ASUM, its purposes, and its
36 representatives;

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38 Whereas, ASUM Senators are required to hold one (1) office hour each five (5) day week;

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40 Whereas, office hours are intended to help maintain contact with the student body;

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42 Whereas, historically, these office hours have had little to do with maintaining a connection with
43 the student body;

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45 Therefore, Let it be Resolved that Article III– Qualifications and Duties of Senators, Section 2,
46 Subsection (E) of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

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48 E. All Senators shall formally be required to hold one office hour each five-day (5) week.
49 This shall be overseen by the Vice President, of ASUM.

- 50 1. This office hour shall occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through
51 Friday.

- 52 2. Failure to do so beyond three (3) missed office hours shall result in an unexcused
53 absence.
- 54 3. The office hours shall be started by the Monday before the third (3rd) Senate meeting
55 and shall be held each day that regular classes meet. Office hours shall not be required
56 during days when classes are not held, during the week of formal lobbying, or during the
57 week before finals week.
- 58 4. Senators holding their office hours shall be involved in activities that promote ASUM
59 and help to maintain contact with the student body. Office hour activities should include,
60 but are not limited to: tabling in the University Center or College of Technology,
61 answering questions of walk-in-students, or assisting Office Staff or ASUM Executives
62 with needed tasks.
- 63 5. Each Senator holding office hours shall use a minimum of one office hour per month
64 to conduct outreach to students outside of the ASUM Office. Outreach activity shall
65 involve direct interaction with the student body with the intent to inform students of
66 ASUM and its services as well as address questions, comments, and/-or concerns of the
67 student body.

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69 Passed by Committee: _____, 2015

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71 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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77 Kaitlin Hopingardner
78 Relations and Affairs Chair

Betsy Story,
Chair of the Senate