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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Proposing an Improved Website Upkeep Committee**
3 **October 28th, 2015**
4 **SB17-15/16**

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

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12 Whereas, Article 5: Committees, Section 1 of the ASUM Constitution, reads as follows:

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14 *The affairs and activities of ASUM shall be handled through such standing*
15 *committees as enumerated in the Bylaws and any other committee which the*
16 *ASUM Senate shall deem necessary for the administration of ASUM;*

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18 Whereas, the ASUM Web Developer is responsible for the upkeep, revision, and
19 oversight of the ASUM Website;

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21 Whereas, the ASUM Secretary is responsible for posting Senate documents to the ASUM
22 Website;

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24 Whereas, no one is officially responsible for the upkeep, revision, and oversight of the
25 ASUM Website in the absence of the ASUM Web Developer;

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27 Whereas, the ASUM Website is in need of upkeep, revision, and oversight even in the
28 absence of the ASUM Web Developer;

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30 Whereas, the lack of upkeep, revision, and oversight of the ASUM Website in the
31 absence of the ASUM Web Developer has a direct effect on the ASUM Government,
32 ASUM Agencies, ASUM Student Groups, and ASUM website visitors;

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34 Whereas, the upkeep, revision, and oversight of the ASUM Website should fall upon the
35 relevant members of ASUM;

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37 Whereas, the upkeep, revision, and oversight of the ASUM Website should not be the
38 responsibility of one unpaid person not specifically assigned to the management of the
39 Website;

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41 Whereas, a formal committee to decide the direction, upkeep, revision, and oversight
42 would be a useful method to ensure that the intent, content, and review of the ASUM
43 website is coherent with the ideas and values of the governing body;

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45 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM shall create an oversight committee to
46 maintain the content of the ASUM Website in order to alleviate the aforementioned

47 problems;

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49 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that this oversight committee be responsible for
50 the upkeep, revision, and development of the ASUM Website;

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52 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that this committee shall give four updates to
53 ASUM on the revision and upkeep of the ASUM Website: one report shall be given at the
54 start of the fall semester that shall be approved by the ASUM Senate, another report shall
55 be given at the end of the fall semester, a third report shall be given at the beginning of
56 the spring semester that shall be approved by the ASUM Senate, and a final
57 comprehensive report shall be given at the end of the academic year;

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59 Therefore Let It Further Be Resolved, that Article IV- Committees and Boards of the
60 ASUM bylaws be updated to reflect these changes by adding the following language:

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Section 26. ASUM Website Upkeep Committee

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*A. The ASUM Website Upkeep Committee shall be composed of five (5) voting
63 members, of which three (3) will be ASUM Senators (one who must also be a
64 member of the Marketing and Outreach Committee, one who must also be a
65 member of the Relations and Affairs Committee, and a third Senator-At-Large),
66 one Student-at-Large, and the ASUM Secretary. There shall be one (1) non voting
67 member of the committee who will be an ASUM Senator, who will serve as chair
68 of the committee. The ASUM Website Upkeep Committee shall meet a minimum of
69 twice per semester to recommend changes to the ASUM Web Developer. Sub-
70 committees will be created as deemed necessary by the committee.*

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*B. The ASUM Website Upkeep Committee shall be chaired by an ASUM Senator.
72 The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the committee as a non-voting member
73 and will only vote in the case of a tie. The Chair -or her/his designee- will notify
74 the committee members of meetings, as well as coordinate and approve meeting
75 agendas with the committee members.*

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*C. A quorum of a simple majority of the committee members must be present in
77 order to vote on official matters including approval of projects, allocation of
78 funds, and changing of Bylaws.*

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D. Duties and functions of the ASUM Website Upkeep Committee shall include:

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*1. The oversight and maintenance of the ASUM Website by an ASUM Web
81 Developer.*

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*2. Updating all website content, which may include but is not limited to:
83 outdated information, photographs, and text found on the ASUM Website.*

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*3. Adding or removing sections to the ASUM Website as deemed necessary
85 by the committee.*

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*4. Working with either the ASUM Secretary or one of the ASUM student
87 receptionists, to be determined by the ASUM President and the ASUM
88 Office Manager.*

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*5. Any other duties determined necessary to the upkeep and development
90 of the ASUM Website implemented by the committee with a simple
91 majority of voting members.*

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E. The ASUM Website Development Committee will present to ASUM the changes

93 *they have made or plan to make twice per semester to inform the Senate on the*
94 *progression and upkeep of the Website. The initial report at the start of each*
95 *semester will be a list of recommended changes to the ASUM Website that will be*
96 *approved by the ASUM Senate before the first week in October in the fall, and*
97 *before the first week of March in the spring. The end of the fall semester report*
98 *will be given at or before the final ASUM meeting before winter break. The end of*
99 *the academic year report will include a comprehensive list of all changes made*
100 *and will include a section that outlines areas that will need to be changed during*
101 *the upcoming academic year for the subsequent committee to utilize. This end of*
102 *the academic year report will also be given to the ASUM Senate at or before the*
103 *last meeting before the summer break.*

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106 Passed by Committee: _____, 2015

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108 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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114 Kaitlin Hoppingardner
Relations and Affairs Chair

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