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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Bylaws**
3 **October 28th, 2015**
4 **SB21-15/16**

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6 **Sarah Smith, ASUM Business Manager**

7 **Sponsored by:**

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

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12 Whereas, ASUM passed SB056-14/15 on December 3rd, 2014, which placed a \$1 per
13 student per semester fee question on the ASUM ballot in the Spring of 2015;

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15 Whereas, the purpose of this fee was to fund a research and creative scholarship program,
16 dedicated to sponsoring undergraduate and graduate student research, academic
17 presentation, and creative scholarship;

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19 Whereas, this fee money is to be used entirely on students;

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21 Whereas, the Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship
22 have taken an interest in partnering with ASUM and establishing and contributing to a
23 jointly administered fund for undergraduate and graduate research, academic
24 presentation, and creative scholarship;

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26 Whereas, the Office of the Provost has committed to contributing \$10,000 for
27 undergraduate student research and \$10,000 for graduate student research to this jointly
28 administered fund;

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30 Whereas, the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship has committed to contributing
31 \$10,000 to this jointly administered fund;

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33 Whereas, this requires the creation of a committee to administer these funds;

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35 Whereas, the contributing entities have collaborated to determine an appropriate make-up
36 of the committee to administer these funds;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 27 be added to Article IV of the ASUM
39 Bylaws:

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41 ***Section 27. Research & Scholarship Committee***

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43 ***A. The Research & Scholarship Committee shall be composed of twelve (12)***
44 ***voting members, of which two (2) will be members of the ASUM Senate, three (3)***
45 ***will be undergraduate students-at-large selected by ASUM, one (1) will be a***
46 ***graduate student-at-large selected by ASUM, three (3) will be graduate students-***

47 *at-large selected by the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship/The*
48 *Graduate School, and three (3) will be either faculty or staff selected by the Office*
49 *of the Provost.*

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51 *B. The committee shall be chaired by the ASUM Business Manager. The Chair*
52 *shall preside at all meetings of the committee, and shall only vote in the case of a*
53 *tie.*

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55 *C. A quorum shall consist of at least eight (8) voting members.*

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57 *D. The committee shall be responsible for oversight, management and allocation*
58 *of the Research & Scholarship fund.*

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60 *E. ASUM will house funds collected through the Research & Scholarship student*
61 *fee within ASUM. The contributions from the other offices shall be housed at their*
62 *discretion.*

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64 *F. The student fee money available to be contributed by ASUM per award shall be*
65 *assessed at the beginning of each academic semester to reflect the percentage*
66 *total of the joint fund. The committee shall have spending authority to charge this*
67 *percentage to ASUM's Research & Scholarship Fee index.*

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69 *G. The committee shall convene at least once per academic semester to hear and*
70 *review applications from undergraduate and graduate students. The committee*
71 *shall determine what portion of each applicant's request to fund, and provide*
72 *documentation to the Office of the Provost and to ASUM for allocation of the*
73 *approved funding.*

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76 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Perry
77 Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Scott Whittenburg, Vice
78 President for Research and Creative Scholarship and Dean of the Graduate School;
79 Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM
80 Accountant.

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84 Passed by Committee:

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86 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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91 Kaitlin Hopingardner
92 Chair of Relations and Affairs

Betsy Story
Chair of the Senate