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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Bylaws**  
3                                   **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
4                                   **SB32-15/16**

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6                   **ASUM Business Manager; Mackenzie Lombardi, ASUM Senate Secretary**

7                   **Sponsored by:**

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

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11       Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection H, Part 6 of the ASUM bylaws currently states that the  
12       maximum expenditure allowed for elections related material is \$300.00;

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14       Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection P of the ASUM bylaws currently reads:

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16       *P. The ASUM Senate shall not campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum. Any Senator or*  
17       *member of the Executive Team can only campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum as an*  
18       *individual and on a volunteer basis. Any employee of ASUM may be involved in organization efforts, but*  
19                   *not direct campaigning.*

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21       Whereas, this prevents any member of ASUM from lobbying for or publicly supporting student driven fee  
22       increases, such as those to the ASUM Activity Fee;

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24       Whereas, this severely hinders the ability of ASUM to act in the interest of students of the University of  
25       Montana (UM);

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27       Whereas, ASUM remains the most invested party in the success of student driven fees, such as the ASUM  
28       Activity Fee;

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30       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 3, Subsection P of the ASUM bylaws be amended  
31       to read:

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33               *P. The ASUM Senate shall not campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum, **with the***  
34               ***exception of a referendum regarding a student-driven fee.** Any Senator or member of the Executive*  
35               *Team can only campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum ~~as an individual and~~ on a*  
36               *volunteer basis. Any employee of ASUM may be involved in organization efforts, but not direct*  
37                   *campaigning.*

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39       Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that Subsection Q be added to Article V, Section 3 of the ASUM  
40       bylaws to read:

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42       ***Q. Any campaign for the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the***  
43                   ***ASUM Senate.***

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45       Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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47       Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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51       Kaitlin Hoppingardner,  
      Chair of Relations & Affairs

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Betsy Story,  
Chair of the Senate