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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending ASUM Legal Board Bylaws
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Legal Board is bound by Article IV, Section 24 of ASUM Bylaws;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 24, Subsection A of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads:
A. The ASUM Legal Board shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) and no greater than seven (7) voting members, of which three (3) will be members of the ASUM Senate, and at least two (2) will be students-at-large. Non-voting members of the board shall include the ASUM Legal Director and one (1) current Legal Intern. The ASUM Legal Board will meet a minimum of once monthly. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the board with members from the ASUM Legal Board;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 24, Subsection D of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads:
D. Duties and functions of the ASUM Legal Board will include:
1. Examining the budget of ASUM Legal each spring prior to ASUM’s budgeting session.
2. Communicating issues within ASUM Legal to ASUM Senate when appropriate.
3. Working in conjunction with ASUM Legal Director on issues related to ASUM Productions and its operations.
4. Participating in all ASUM Legal hiring decisions made outside the scope of the ASUM Interview Committee.
5. General oversight of day-to-day business within ASUM Legal where appropriate;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 24, Subsection E of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads:
E. The ASUM Legal Board, in coordination with the ASUM Legal Services Director, shall present an annual report identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the administration to reflect current student needs;

Whereas, Changing an SAL seat to a Senator/SAL seat would be beneficial for ASUM Legal Board to effectively complete an annual Legal Board Forum;

Whereas, A required annual Legal Board Forum would provide the committee with more specified purpose and University of Montana (UM) students with additional resources;
Whereas, A required exit survey for this forum would provide for more accurate and structured feedback from forum improvement;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article IV, Section 24, Subsection A of the ASUM Bylaws be amended as follows:

A. The ASUM Legal Board shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) and no greater than seven (7) voting members, of which three (3) will be members of the ASUM Senate, one (1) will be an ASUM senator or student-at-large, with students-at-large receiving priority, and one (1) will be student-at-large. Non-voting members of the board shall include the ASUM Legal Director and one (1) current Legal Intern. The ASUM Legal Board will meet a minimum of once monthly. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the board with members from the ASUM Legal Board;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 24, Subsection D of the ASUM Bylaws be amended as follows:

D. Duties and functions of the ASUM Legal Board will include:

1. Examining the budget of ASUM Legal each spring prior to ASUM’s budgeting session.

2. Communicating issues within ASUM Legal to ASUM Senate when appropriate.

3. Working in conjunction with ASUM Legal Director on issues related to ASUM agencies and their operations.

4. Participating in all ASUM Legal hiring decisions made outside the scope of the ASUM Interview Committee.

5. General oversight of day-to-day business within ASUM Legal where appropriate.

6. Facilitating at least one (1) Legal Board Forum per academic year and collecting exit surveys at this forum to gather feedback for improvement to meet the changing needs of students;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 24, Subsection E of the ASUM Bylaws be amended as follows:

E. The ASUM Legal Board, in coordination with the ASUM Legal Services Director, shall present an annual strategic report to the ASUM Senate identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the Legal Board as well as information gathered from forum exit surveys to reflect current student needs;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 24, Subsection F be stricken.

Passed by Committee: ______________________, 2017
81  Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________, 2017

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