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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Removing Repetitive Rules from Section 2 of House Rules**
3 **April 15, 2019**
4 **SB57-18/19**

5 **Authored by: Zoe Nelson, ASUM Senator;**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the student
8 government at the University of Montana;

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10 Whereas, Senate meetings are conducted according to House Rules according to the most current
11 edition of Robert's Rules of Order;

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13 Whereas, House Rules were established and are followed to promote transparency,
14 accountability, and effective governance;

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16 Whereas, Errors and inconsistencies in ASUM governing documents undermine the legitimacy
17 and efficacy of ASUM;

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19 Whereas, Multiple rules in Section 2 of House Rules are repeated;

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21 Whereas, Repetition in House Rules is not required and serves no purpose;

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23 Whereas, The repeated rules in Section 2 are Rules J, Q, R and S and read,

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25 “J. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and
26 Senators currently holding office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a
27 quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

28 Q. The presiding chair may keep a Speakers List, which shall be a list of members who
29 have requested to be recognized with the floor. If the chair chooses to make such a list
30 they shall observe the following: the member who made the motion that is immediately
31 pending and has not spoken in debate shall have preference over all members; members
32 who have not yet had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question are entitled
33 to it before any member who has spoken; in cases where persons seeking the floor
34 indicate they have opposite opinions on the question and the order has not been
35 determined by the previous qualifications, the chair may alternate between those favoring
36 and those opposing the measure.

37 R. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and
38 Senators currently holding office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a
39 quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

40 S. The presiding chair may keep a Speakers List, which shall be a list of members who
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Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That rules R and S be struck from Section 2 of House Rules.

Passed by Committee: April 19th, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: April 24th, 2019

Ethan Hanley

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

~~Mariah Welch~~
Chair of the Senate

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