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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 2 of House Rules**
3 **April 14, 2019**
4 **SB59-18/19**

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

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10 Whereas, ASUM represents all students at the University of Montana, Missoula College, Bitterroot
11 College, West Campus, and in the distant learning program;

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13 Whereas, ASUM has difficulty reaching students at Missoula College, Bitterroot College, West Campus,
14 and in the distant learning program;

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16 Whereas, ASUM Senate meetings are conducted according to House Rules and the most current edition
17 of Robert’s Rules of Order;

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19 Whereas, ASUM is dedicated to the values of transparency and accountability;

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21 Whereas, House Rules currently does not require Senate meetings to be digitally recorded;

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23 Whereas, Digitally recording meetings would improve accessibility and student access to their student
24 government;

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26 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 2 of House Rules be amended to insert a new bullet B and
27 subsections 1 through 3 and re-letter the following points:

28 *B. Unless the Senate Chair, in coordination with ASUM Legal Services, determines the*
29 *individual’s right to privacy outweighs the public’s right to know, all ASUM meetings, including*
30 *Final Budgeting, must be digitally recorded.*

31 *1. All video and audio recordings must be uploaded to the platforms and social media*
32 *currently in use by ASUM and to ScholarWorks.*

33 *2. All meetings must be live-streamed, and all individuals watching the live-stream must*
34 *be given a chance to have their comments or questions read during Public Comment.*
35 *Individuals who submit questions must submit those questions into a form during the*
36 *Public Comment period.*

37 *3. The following statement must be added to the bottom of the meeting agenda every*
38 *week: “These proceedings are digitally recorded and live-streamed. Please see the*
39 *ASUM Vice President with any concerns.”*
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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That House Rules lettering be altered to reflect these changes.
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43 Passed by Committee: _____, 2019

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45 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2019

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49 Ethan Hanley,

Mariah Welch,

50 Chair of Relations and Affairs
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Chair of the Senate

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