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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Expectations for Student Group Leaders**
3 **October 4, 2019**
4 **SB16-19/20**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) serves as the
8 governing body for the student population at the University of Montana;

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10 Whereas, ASUM recognizes and oversees student groups on campus, and provides groups with
11 administrative and financial assistance to help them achieve their mission;

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13 Whereas, ASUM fosters and supports a safe and inclusive environment for student groups to
14 operate in;

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16 Whereas, ASUM has succinct risk management plans in place to help support this environment;

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18 Whereas, Student group leaders are integral to maintaining these risk management plans, and
19 ensuring the safety of students at their events and functions;

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21 Whereas, Student groups and their leaders are subject to the requirements outlined in ASUM's
22 governing documents;

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24 Whereas, Requirements for student group leaders are outlined in Section 4, Subsection I of the
25 ASUM Bylaws:

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27 I. *"Officers of organizations seeking ASUM recognition must be University of Montana*
28 *Students. This requirement can be waived by recommendation from the Board on*
29 *Member Organizations and a 2/3 conformation from the ASUM Senate."*

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31 Whereas, Additional requirements are necessary to provide a safe environment for student
32 groups to operate within;

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34 Whereas, Other ASUM officials are beholden to rules pertaining to criminal misconduct;

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36 Whereas, Section 3, Subsection A of ASUM House Rules outlines impeachable offenses for
37 Senators:

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39 III. *"A. Any officer or member of the Senate may be impeached for:*
40 *○ 1. breach of duties as stated in the Constitution or Bylaws;*
41 *○ 2. failing to attend three regularly scheduled Senate meetings (and/or ASUM*
42 *committee meetings), per semester, without an excuse approved by the chair (Vice*
43 *President);*
44 *○ 3. missing final budgeting without being excused by the Chair;*
45 *○ 4. committing any misdemeanor or felony upon conviction in open court;*

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o 5. committing any larceny against the University, ASUM, or any subsidiary thereof.”

Whereas, Student group leaders should be held to the same standards as ASUM Senators with regards to criminal misconduct;

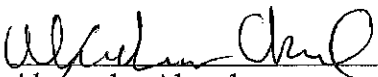
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 4, Subsection I of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read the following:


- I. *“Officers of organizations seeking ASUM recognition must be University of Montana Students paying the ASUM activity fee. This requirement can be waived by recommendation from the Board on Member Organizations, and a 2/3 confirmation from the ASUM Senate. Student group leaders may be removed from their position for committing a felony upon conviction in open court while enrolled at the University as a student or for committing any larceny against the University, ASUM, or any subsidiary thereof.”*

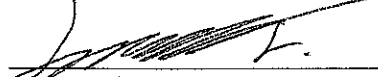
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwendolyn Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; and Lou Villemez, ASUM Legal Director.

Passed by Committee: October 6, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: October 23rd, 2019


 Alexandra Akmal,
 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee


 Ethan Hanley,
 Chair of the Senate


 James Flanagan,
 Chair of the Board on Members Organization

Passed in ASUM Senate 16Y-2N-3A