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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending the ASUM Bylaws to Reflect Gender Neutral Pronouns**
3 **October 30, 2019**
4 **SB25-19/20**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the official student
8 government for the University of Montana;
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10 Whereas, ASUM has a compelling interest to represent all students of the University of Montana;

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12 Whereas, ASUM Bylaws Article II, Section E, Subsection 3, Article V, Section 3, Subsection B, Section
13 5 Subsection E, Subsection H, Section 11, Subsection A, Subsection F2a, Section 19, Subsection A,
14 Section 23, Subsection E, Section 25, Subsection B, and Article VI, Section 9, Subsection 3, uses
15 dichotomous pronouns (i.e. his/hers) in its language;
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17 Whereas, A portion of the University of Montana's student population identifies as non-binary;

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19 Whereas, All gender identities are not being appropriately represented in the ASUM Bylaws;

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21 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article II, Section E, Subsection 3 be amended to read the following:
22 *The recipient shall be judged on **their** ability to champion student issues;*
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24 ~~Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 3, Subsection B be amended to read the~~
25 ~~following:~~

26 ~~*The Chair may vote only in case of a tie, unless **their** vote is required to maintain a quorum on*~~
27 ~~*the Board;*~~
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29 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5, Subsection E be amended to read the
30 following:

31 *Deliberation of the Constitutional Review Board shall be open only to the board members, the*
32 *appointed ex-officio attorney(s) and the President of ASUM or **their** appointee;*
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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 5, Subsection H be amended to read the
35 following:

36 *All items intended to be submitted and used for evidence before the Constitutional Review Board*
37 *shall be disclosed and submitted to the ASUM President or **their** appointed representative within*
38 *48 hours of the Constitutional Review Board's convening. Upon receipt, the President shall make*
39 *evidence available to the opposing parties;*
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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 11, Subsection A be amended to read the
42 following:

43 *The Personnel Supervision Committee shall consist of 6 members; the ASUM President, the*
44 *ASUM Vice-President, and four members who shall be recommended for appointment by the*
45 *ASUM President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Of the four Board members*
46 *appointed by ASUM, two shall be ASUM Senators serving a one-year term. The two student-*

47 *at-large positions shall serve rotating two-year terms. The ASUM Faculty Advisor, the Vice*
48 *President for Student Affairs (or **their** designee), and one director level ASUM classified*
49 *employee appointed by the ASUM President (this member may be reappointed annually at the*
50 *discretion of the ASUM President);*

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52 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 11, Subsection F2a be amended to read
53 the following:

54 *A written report shall be submitted each year in November and April to the Vice-President of*
55 *Student Affairs and **their** designee. The purpose of this report is to assist the Vice-President of*
56 *student affairs and **their** designee in providing any performance reviews required by University*
57 *personnel policies and procedures;*

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59 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 19, Subsection A be amended to read the
60 following:

61 *Campus Recreation and Sports Board shall consist of 10 members, three of whom shall be*
62 *subject to appointment by the President of the University, each serving two-year rotating terms;*
63 *and five members who shall be recommended for appointment by the ASUM President, subject to*
64 *a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Of the five Board members appointed by ASUM, two shall*
65 *be ASUM Senators serving one-year terms. The three student-at-large positions shall serve two-*
66 *year rotating terms. The Campus Recreation and Sports Director or **their** designee shall serve as*
67 *an ex-officio, non-voting member of the CRS Board. An ASUM Senator shall chair the*
68 *Committee;*

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70 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 23, Subsection E be amended to read the
71 following:

72 *The committee shall be chaired by the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator. The Chair shall*
73 *preside at all meetings of the committee as a non-voting member and will only vote in the*
74 *case of a tie. The Chair or **their** designee notifies the Committee members of meetings,*
75 *coordinates and approves meeting agendas with the committee members. The Chair will*
76 *act as facilitator and mediator during the committee meetings and will be responsible for*
77 *holding meetings to the agenda in a timely fashion;*

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79 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 25, Subsection B be amended to read the
80 following:

81 *The ASUM Website Upkeep Committee shall be chaired by an ASUM Senator. The Chair*
82 *shall preside at all meetings of the committee as a non-voting member and will only vote*
83 *in the case of a tie. The Chair-or **their** designee-will notify the committee members of*
84 *meetings, as well as coordinate and approve meeting agendas with the committee*
85 *members;*

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87 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article V, Section 9, Subsection 3 be amended to read the
88 following:

89 *Upon closure of the polls, the Elections Committee shall count the ballots, to be done in*
90 *the Presence of the faculty advisor(s) or **their** designee.*

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93 Passed by Committee: October 27th, 2019

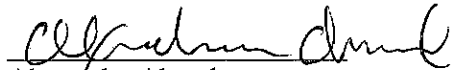
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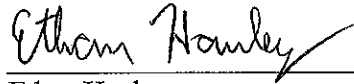
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Alexandra Akmal,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee



Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate

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Resolution Passed 18 YES 2 NO 2 ABSTAIN