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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending the ASUM House Rules to Reflect Gender Neutral Pronouns
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Author: Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator; Matthew Hurley, ASUM Senator;
Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the official student
government for the University of Montana;
Whereas, ASUM has an obligation to represent all students of the University of Montana;
Whereas, ASUM House Rules Section 2 Subsection E, Senate Meetings, and Article 1 Section 3
Subsection E, Impeachment and Removal, has dichotomous pronouns (his/hers) in its language;
Whereas, A portion of the University of Montana’s student population identifies as non-binary;
Whereas, All gender identities are not being appropriately represented in ASUM House Rules;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 2 Subsection E of the ASUM House Rules be
amended to read the following:
Upon receiving a written resolution forwarded from the ASUM Vice President, the
appropriate committee or board shall debate and review each resolution at hand. Prior
to debate before the full Senate, the reviewing committee may give its recommendation
either for or against its approval, or may elect not to forward a resolution to the Senate
by tabling the resolution. The author(s) of a resolution may request to be present during
the committee’s review of their resolution to give advice and clarification to the body, but
may not vote on any formal motions unless they are already a member of the committee;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article 1 Section 3 Subsection E of the ASUM
House Rules be amended to read the following:
Any officer or member of the Senate that may be impeached shall be impeached by a two-
thirds (2/3) majority and removed by a majority vote (50% plus one) of 12% of the ASUM
membership, as outlined in the Constitution. If a Senator has three unexcused absences
from Senate meetings or if a Senator misses final budgeting without being excused by the
Chair, then they may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwendolyn Coon, ASUM
Office Manager.
Passed by Committee: November 3rd, 2019
Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4th, 2019
Alexandra Akmal, Ethan Hanley
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Chair of the Senate

Resolutions Passed: 20 Yes 3 No 1 Abstention