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Resolution Adding the ASUM Business Manager to the Student Music Union as an Ex-Officio Member

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) oversees all recognized student groups on campus and assists these groups with their funding needs and requests;

Whereas, ASUM currently has two separate unions, one composed of music-related student groups and one composed of amateur sports clubs;

Whereas, These unions have autonomy in dispersing their ASUM allocations amongst their respective student groups;

Whereas, ASUM respects the autonomy of these unions and does not seek to influence budgeting decisions, except in cases of clear policy violations;

Whereas, The ASUM Business Manager is responsible for all student group funding within the organization and works with student groups to compile budgets and other financial requests;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 14, Subsection C of the ASUM Bylaws outlines the Executive Board for the Sports Organization Union:

"C. The Sports Organization Executive Board shall be composed of:
1. The SCU President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
2. One ASUM Senator shall serve as the ASUM Liaison to the SCU as a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
3. The ASUM Business Manager shall also be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board."

Whereas, The ASUM Business Manager currently sits as an ex-officio member on the Sports Organization Union, but not the Student Music Union;

Whereas, It would prove useful to have the ASUM Business Manager sit on both of the unions as an ex-officio, nonvoting member to provide clarification and information about ASUM Fiscal Policy and the overall budgeting process;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 15, Subsection B of the ASUM Bylaws outlines the membership of the Student Music Union:

"B. The Student Music Union shall be composed of one (1) ASUM Senator and one representative from each recognized Union group. Five group members shall be elected as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and President Elect. An ASUM Senator will chair the committee. The Chair of the Music Department will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member."

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 15 of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read the following:

"B. The Student Music Union shall be composed of one (1) ASUM Senator and one representative from each recognized Union group. Five group members shall be elected as..."
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and President Elect. An ASUM Senator will chair the committee. The ASUM Business Manager and the Chair of the Music Department will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; and Kenzie Carter, Student Group Coordinator.

Passed by Committee: November 10th, 2019
Passed by ASUM Senate: November 13th, 2019

Alexandra Akmal,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Brian Fulton,
Chair of the Student Music Union

Resolution Passed: 25 Yes 0 No 0 Abstentions

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate