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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Board on Member Organizations Bylaws to Address Student Groups
Requiring Enrollment in an Academic Course
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) oversees all recognized student groups on campus;

Whereas, The Board on Member Organizations presides over the recognition of all said student groups;

Whereas, Seeking ASUM recognition through the Board on Member Organizations is the first step for a student group to receive funding;

Whereas, Section 2.0 of ASUM Fiscal Policy reads:
“The ASUM shall fund only those activities whose primary beneficiary is the student population at The University of Montana. No ASUM funds may be used for alcohol, awards, gifts, University of Montana infrastructure, direct academic support, or private investment. Any individual participating in or utilizing any ASUM funded program must pay the ASUM Activity Fee and/or another specifically designated ASUM assessment.”;

Whereas, Student groups have requested funding for direct academic support;

Whereas, Article V, Section 4, Subsection C of the ASUM Bylaws reads:
“The Associated Students of the University of Montana Board on Member Organizations will recognize student groups based on the following criteria: recognition forms, risk management forms, and governing documents, as well as Student Conduct Code with an emphasis on the Discrimination, harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, and Retaliation Policy in terms of membership, leadership, and group inclusivity to all activity.”;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws be amended to add Subsection D which will read:
“A student group that requires enrollment within an academic course for membership is ineligible for recognition by the Board on Member Organizations.”;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the following subsections be amended to reflect the addition of this new subsection;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution take effect on August 31, 2020;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That all student group leaders be notified of this new stipulation by the ASUM Business Manager and/or the Student Group Coordinator;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Kenzie Carter, Student Group Coordinator; and Gwendolyn Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

Passed by Committee: November 17th, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4th, 2019

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Board on Member Organizations

Alexandra Akmal,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Resolution Passed: 21 Yes 1 No 2 Abstentions

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate