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Resolution Clarifying how to Introduce Business in Article 1, Section 2 of ASUM House Rules

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Authored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Vice President;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its governing documents;

Whereas, Article I, Section 2 of ASUM House Rules currently states:

- D. Discussion and voting on resolutions or motions that were not submitted under “New Business” may only occur in one of the following ways:
  - a. The action is forwarded as a seconded motion from any committee referenced in Article IV section 1, Subsection J.
    - i. A seconded motion means that an approved action need not be submitted under “New Business” and may be debated under “Unfinished Business.”
  - b. The action is posted on the publicly published meeting agenda (at least 24 hours before the meeting occurs).
  - c. The Senate suspends these rules by a two-thirds (⅔) majority vote and discusses the action during “Unfinished Business”.

Whereas, Montana Open Meeting Laws specifically require business items to be posted to the agenda in advance of the meeting and giving the public adequate notice;

Whereas, The last paragraph in subsection D is a violation of Montana Open Public Meeting laws;

Whereas, Article II, Section 4 of the ASUM Constitution currently reads:

Section 4. The ASUM government and activities must comply with Montana State law and the policies of the Montana Board of Regents on Higher Education.;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article I, Section 2 of the ASUM House Rules be amended to read:

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  ○ c. The Senate suspends these rules by a two-thirds (%) majority vote and discusses the action during “Unfinished Business”;

Passed by ASUM Senate: January 15th, 2020

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate

Resolution Passes Unanimously