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1 2 3	The Associated Students of the University of Montana Resolution Establishing a Paperless ASUM Senate May 8, 2020
4	SB4 - 20/21 Authored by Potriol Iones Flancau ASUM Vice Bueridante
5 6	Authored by: Patrick James Flanagan, ASUM Vice President;
7	Whereas, Article 1 Section 2 Subsection K of ASUM House Rules currently states:
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9	K. No Executive or Senator may do homework, use an electronic device that can
10	communicate wirelessly, or leave the Senate meeting prior to adjournment without
11	returning or the consent of the Chair. Violations that occur after one warning will result
12	in an unexcused absence;
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14	Whereas, During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic ASUM Senate operated through
15 16	electronic devices and still operated effectively;
17	Whereas, ASUM committees have been utilizing electronic devices during the last few years and
18	have operated effectively during this time;
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20	Whereas, By operating through electronic devices, ASUM Senate can transition into a fully
21	paperless body;
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23	Whereas, By transitioning into a fully paperless body, ASUM Senate will reduce its carbon
- 24	footprint while also decreasing the amount of money spent on printing;
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26	Whereas, Through the Office of Sustainability the University of Montana has committed to
27	waste reduction in order to address the University's environmental impact;
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29	Whereas, The Office of Sustainability stated that waste reduction "leads to better environmental
30	practices while simultaneously reducing disposal costs" as well as becoming better community
31	partners ⁱ ;
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33	Whereas, The City of Missoula committed to becoming a zero-waste community by 2050 ⁱⁱ ;
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35	Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article 1 Section 2 Subsection K of ASUM House Rules be
36	amended to read:
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38	K. No Executive or Senator may do homework , use an electronic device that can
39	communicate wirelessly, or leave the Senate meeting prior to adjournment without
40	returning or the consent of the Chair. Violations that occur after one warning will result
41	in an unexcused absence.;
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43	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article 1 Section 2 of ASUM House Rules be
44	amended to include a new Subsection L which shall read:
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46	L. All ASUM Senate and committee meetings will be paperless insofar as all items on
47	the meeting agenda (resolutions, information items, committee reports) will be
48	distributed and reviewed on electronic devices.
49	1. ASUM members are expected to use the electronic devices only for ASUM
50	related business. Violations that occur after one warning will result in an
51	unexcused absence.
52	2. If a member of ASUM does not have access to an electronic device and need
53	one for an ASUM meeting it will be the responsibility of the ASUM
54	Administration to provide this member with an electronic device.;
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⁻ 56	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the following subsections be amended to reflect the
57	addition of this new subsection;
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59	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Chase Jones, Missoula
60	Energy Conservation and Climate Action Coordinator; Eva Rocke, UM Sustainability
61	Coordinator; Chris Palmer, Chair of Faculty Senate; and Charity Atteberry, Chair of Staff
62 63	Senate.
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65	Passed by Committee: , 2020
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67	Passed by ASUM Senate: August 19 , 2020
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71	Patrick James Flanagan,
72	Chair of the Senate
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i https://www.umt.edu/sustainability/Progress/base-page2.php ii https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2087/Zero-Waste