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## SB14-20/21: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4, Paragraphs A & B of the ASUM Bylaws

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1                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4, Paragraphs A & B of the ASUM Bylaws**  
3   **August, 6, 2020**  
4   **SB 14 - 20/21**

5                   **Authored by: Christian Pfeifer, ASUM Senator; Maggie Bornstein, ASUM Senator;**  
6                   **Sponsored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Business Manager; Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator;**  
7                   **Jonathan Karlen, ASUM Senator; Jack Rinck, ASUM Senator; Vincent Tarallo, ASUM**  
8   **Senator;**

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10                   Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by  
11                   its bylaws;

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13                   Whereas, The ASUM Bylaws delineate matters regarding membership, organization, and the  
14                   formation of select committees;

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16                   Whereas, During the summer of 2020, a working group met to completely revise the ASUM  
17                   Fiscal Policy, and had reason to update correlative elements in the ASUM Bylaws;

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19                   Whereas, Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws focuses on the Board on Member Organizations,  
20                   and its role in reviewing student groups for ASUM recognition;

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22                   Whereas, Paragraph A defines the composition of the board, and currently reads:

23                                   A.     *The Board shall be composed of five (5) members, of whom one (1) but not*  
24                                   *more than two (2) shall be members of the Senate and the remainder shall be*  
25                                   *students-at-large.;*

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27                   Whereas, Paragraph A is not in compliance with Constitutional changes made to the Board in the  
28                   Spring of 2020;

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30                   Whereas, Paragraph B displays the primary process for student group recognition, including the  
31                   voting procedure and requirements of applicant student groups;

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33                   Whereas, Paragraph B currently reads:

34                                   B.     *The Board on Member Organizations shall review all applications for groups and*  
35                                   *organizations that wish to register with ASUM and/or receive ASUM funding. Groups*  
36                                   *meeting recognition requirements will be forwarded to the ASUM Senate to be*  
37                                   *approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. This process shall occur after the*  
38                                   *second week of Fall Semester and continue throughout the school year. Recognition*  
39                                   *by ASUM will be valid, after recommendation by the Board on Member*  
40                                   *Organizations and subsequent two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate, until the*  
41                                   *beginning of the next Fall Semester. At that time, all groups must re-submit their*  
42                                   *recognition files to register with ASUM. Those groups, which were budgeted funds*  
43                                   *during the previous year, will continue to be allowed access to these funds during the*  
44                                   *recognition process unless their recognition is suspended or revoked. Any*  
45                                   *budgeted groups who do not re-register for ASUM recognition will not be allowed*  
46                                   *access to their ASUM account funds.;*

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48 Whereas, Current practice for the Board on Member Organizations is to have a simple majority  
49 vote for recommendation, and the Senate can benefit from a similar threshold;

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51 Whereas, Paragraph B also carries redundant language in relation to recognition and the  
52 aforementioned voting thresholds;

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54 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article V, Section 4 of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to  
55 read:

56 A. *The Board shall be composed of ~~five (5)~~ **seven (7)** members, of whom one*  
57 *(1) but not more than ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** shall be members of the Senate and the*  
58 *remainder shall be students-at-large. The Business Manager shall chair the*  
59 *Board.*

60 B. *The Board on Member Organizations shall review all applications for*  
61 *groups and organizations that wish to register with ASUM and/or receive ASUM*  
62 *funding. Groups meeting recognition requirements will be **recommended for***  
63 ***approval by the Board with a majority (50% plus 1) vote and forwarded to the***  
64 *ASUM Senate to be approved by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ **majority (50% plus 1) vote.***  
65 *This process shall occur after the second week of Fall Semester and continue*  
66 *throughout the school year. ~~Recognition by ASUM will be valid, after~~*  
67 *~~recommendation by the Board on Member Organizations and subsequent two-~~*  
68 *~~thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate, until the beginning of the next Fall~~*  
69 *~~Semester. At that time, all groups must re-submit their recognition files to register~~*  
70 *~~with ASUM. Those groups, which were budgeted funds during the previous year,~~*  
71 *~~will continue to be allowed access to these funds during the recognition process~~*  
72 *~~unless their recognition is suspended or revoked. Any budgeted groups who do~~*  
73 *~~not re-register for ASUM recognition will not be allowed access to their ASUM~~*  
74 *~~account funds.~~*

75 1. *All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must*  
76 *return their fully completed recognition files to the Board on Member*  
77 *Organizations by the ~~first Friday~~ **5<sup>th</sup> school day of the Spring Semester***  
78 *to be considered for budgeting. Any group having discrepancies in their file*  
79 *that would prevent recognition must correct the problems completely*  
80 *before the third Friday of Spring Semester to still be eligible for ASUM*  
81 *budgeting.;*

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84 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Gwen Coon, ASUM  
85 Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; Bailey Durnell, Student Group  
86 Coordinator.

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89 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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91 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 2, 2020

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Noah Durnell, Patrick James Flanagan,

96 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee Chair of the Senate

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Ethan Hanley,

101 Chair of the Board on Member Organizations