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Paragraphs H, L, and M 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 H, L, and M of the ASUM Bylaws**
3 **July 30th, 2020**
4 **SB 16 - 20/21**

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

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

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13 Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy delineates all fiscal matters of the ASUM office and student
14 groups;

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16 Whereas, During the summer of 2020, a working group met to completely revise the ASUM
17 Fiscal Policy;

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19 Whereas, Paragraphs H, L, and M outlines the threshold for membership that member
20 organizations need to meet in order to be eligible for recognition as well as laying out a
21 procedure for Board on Member Organizations (BOMO) to use when validating membership;

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23 Whereas, The entirety of Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws does not have a definition for what a
24 member of a member organization is;

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26 Whereas, Having a definition for a member of a member organization will be necessary for the
27 BOMO to determine the recognition of eligibility of student groups;

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29 Whereas, The Board of Regents approved a restructured fee schedule that has all University
30 students paying the ASUM Activity fee;

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32 Whereas, The current rule for membership is that member organizations must have at least 85%
33 of their membership be fee paying students;

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35 Whereas, The 85% rule allows non-students to join a member organization;

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37 Whereas, ASUM believes that only students should be in member organizations;

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39 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article V, Section 4, Paragraph H of the Bylaws be amended
40 to read:

41 *H. Any group seeking ASUM recognition that desires the confidentiality of its*
42 *membership must apply to the Board on Member Organizations for confidentiality*
43 *approval. The application should contain an explanation of the purpose of the group*
44 *and the need for confidentiality. If the Board on Member Organizations approve the*
45 *request, the group must accomplish the following:*
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- 47 1. A copy of a membership list must be provided to the ASUM Office Manager.
48 This list must be kept confidential.
49 2. The Office Manager shall confirm that the membership list is composed of at
50 least 10 eligible members. Upon confirmation, the Office Manager will **store the**
51 **list and keep it confidential** ~~shred the list.~~;

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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article V, Section 4, Paragraph L be amended to
54 read:

55 **L. Presentation of a falsified list of group members to an advisor, the Office**
56 **Manager, or to the Board shall be grounds for removal or denial of ASUM recognition.**
57 **Re-recognition may occur only on approval of the Board and upon such additional**
58 **conditions that the Board may set. For the purposes of this section, a member of a**
59 **group shall be defined as a student paying the ASUM Activity fee that attends at least**
60 **one meeting or event of the organization.;**

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62 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article V, Section 4, Paragraph M be amended to
63 read:

64 **M. All groups must have a minimum of 10 members in order to be eligible for**
65 **recognition. 100% of members in all student groups must be ASUM fee-**
66 **paying members. Any group not in compliance with this are prohibited from being**
67 **recognized.**

68 ~~a. The only exception to this policy are distance learners. Students that are~~
69 ~~distance learners are allowed to be members of a group but are prohibited from~~
70 ~~holding a leadership position.;~~

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

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77 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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79 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 9, 2020

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83 Noah Durnell, Patrick James Flanagan,
84 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee Chair of the Senate

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89 Ethan Hanley,
90 Chair of the Board on Member Organizations