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**SB38-20/21: Resolution Revising ASUM Bylaws Article VI, Section 3.F.6; Allowing Candidates to Hand Out Campaign Flyers**

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2   **Resolution Revising ASUM Bylaws Article VI, Section 3.F.6; Allowing Candidates to Hand**  
3                                   **Out Campaign Flyers**

4                                   **October 13, 2020**

5                                   **SB38-20/21**

6                                   **Authored by: Vincent C. Tarallo, ASUM Senator;**  
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8   Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents all  
9   University of Montana (UM) students;

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11   Whereas, ASUM is responsible for providing necessary information and outreach to UM  
12   students regarding elections;

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14   Whereas, Article VI, Section 3.F.6 of the ASUM Bylaws currently states:

15                   *Candidates are not allowed to pass out flyers inside general buildings. Candidates are*  
16                   *allowed to place small campaign items, i.e. flyers and business cards, on surfaces such as*  
17                   *tables inside general buildings unless these practices explicitly conflict with building*  
18                   *policies.;*

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20   Whereas, Prohibiting the passing out of flyers inside general buildings restricts the capacity of  
21   candidates to campaign;

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23   Whereas, Restrictive campaign measures may limit ASUM's ability to provide outreach to UM  
24   students;

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26   Whereas, By allowing candidates to hand out flyers, ASUM would effectively loosen campaign  
27   restrictions and increase student outreach;

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29   Whereas, ASUM's voter turnout is extremely low;

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31   Whereas, Increasing outreach during elections may yield higher voter turnouts;

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33   Whereas, Article VI Section 3.B currently states:

34                   *Posting signs for place-holding and publishing online campaign-related material before*  
35                   *the start of campaigning are not permitted.;*

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37   Whereas, there is no clause in Article VI Section 3.B that addresses the use of flyers before the  
38   start of campaigning, or even in-person campaign practices in general;

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40   Whereas, Article VI section 3.F.3 of the ASUM Bylaws states:

41                   *Passing out flyers or laying flyers on surfaces, such as tables and chairs, is prohibited.*  
42                   *Posters must be placed according to the following guidelines:*

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44   Whereas, Article VI Section 3.F.3 makes an exception for handing out flyers in the University  
45   Center (UC) because of the potential of interfering with voting which takes place in the UC;  
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47 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article VI, Section 3.F.6 be revised to state:  
48 *Candidates are ~~not~~ allowed to pass out flyers inside general buildings, with the*  
49 *exception of the University Center, as well as place small campaign items, i.e. flyers and*  
50 *business cards, on surfaces such as tables inside general buildings unless these practices*  
51 *explicitly conflict with building policies.;*  
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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article VI, Section 3.B be revised to state:  
54 ~~Posting signs for place holding and publishing~~ **The promotion of candidates through**  
55 **physical and** online campaign-related material before the start of campaigning ~~are~~ **is** not  
56 permitted.;

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58 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office  
59 Manager.

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

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63 Passed by ASUM Senate: November 5, 2020

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69 Noah Durnell,  
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

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Patrick James Flanagan,  
Chair of the Senate