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SB48-20/21: Resolution Providing for Provisional Student Group Recognition for Fiscal Year 2022

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Providing for Provisional Student Group Recognition for Fiscal Year 2022**
3 **Budgeting**
4 **January 5th, 2021**
5 **SB48 – 20/21**
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
9 governing documents;

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11 Whereas, One of ASUM’s primary functions is to provide funding for and support student
12 groups;

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14 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many challenges to everyday life which has
15 hampered student group operations, decreased participation from students, and has seen a
16 decrease in the amount of student groups recognizing this year;

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18 Whereas, Groups not recognizing this year prevents them from participating in budgeting and
19 starting out the next academic year with no funding from ASUM;

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21 Whereas, Student groups provide needed engagement for University of Montana students and
22 has shown to boost retention;

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24 Whereas, The need for student engagement during and immediately following the conclusion of
25 the COVID cannot be stressed enough;

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

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

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42 *1. All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must return their fully*
43 *completed recognition files to the Board on Member Organizations by the first*
44 *Friday of Spring Semester to be considered for budgeting. Any group having*
45 *discrepancies in their file that would prevent recognition must correct the*

46 *problems completely before the third Friday of Spring Semester to still be eligible*
47 *for ASUM budgeting.*

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49 *2.All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting are subject to The*
50 *University of Montana's Policy prohibiting off-campus accounts, unless otherwise*
51 *required or authorized by law, or unless explicitly authorized in a written*
52 *agreement between the organization and The University of Montana. No group*
53 *violating the policy regarding off-campus accounts will be allowed to register*
54 *with ASUM or participate in ASUM budgeting until that group is in compliance*
55 *with the policy.*

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57 *3.No group returning its recognition file after the first Friday of Spring Semester*
58 *will be allowed to participate in ASUM budgeting that school year.*

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60 ***C. For the purposes of budgeting for Fiscal Year 2022, student groups may apply for***
61 ***provisional recognition. This requires a simple majority approval vote from both the***
62 ***Board and the Senate. A group seeking to apply for provisional recognition does not***
63 ***need 10 members in its group when it seeks provisional recognition and does not need***
64 ***to fill out a risk management plan. The group must remain inactive during Fiscal year***
65 ***2021 and in order to access funds they received for Fiscal Year 2022, they have to seek***
66 ***re-recognition as prescribed in paragraph B of this section. This paragraph shall also***
67 ***be struck from the Bylaws following the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2021.***

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69 ***€D. The Board will recognize student groups based on the following criteria: recognition***
70 ***forms, risk management forms, and governing documents, as well as Student Conduct***
71 ***Code with an emphasis on the Discrimination, harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking,***
72 ***and Retaliation Policy in terms of membership, leadership, and group inclusivity to all***
73 ***activity.;***

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75 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the numbering in the section be adjusted to reflect
76 the addition of this paragraph;

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78 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Bailey Durnell, Student
79 Group Coordinator; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM
80 Accountant; Hailey Michelson, Director of the Student Involvement Network.

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83 Passed by ASUM Senate: January 13, 2021

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88 Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate