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## **SB67-20/21: Resolution Amending ASUM Bylaws to Require Anti-Bias Training for ASUM Executives and Senators**

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2   **Resolution Amending ASUM Bylaws to Require Anti-Bias Training for ASUM Executives**  
3                                   **and Senators**

4                                   **March 10, 2021**

5                                   **SB67-20/21**

6                   **Authored by: Nicholas Ververis, ASUM Senator; Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator;**  
7                                   **Sponsored By: Adrianna Medina, UM Student;**

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9   Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests  
10 of all students of the University of Montana (UM);

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12   Whereas, In ASUM SB 8<sup>1</sup>, ASUM's core values were amended to include equity and inclusivity  
13 in addition to diversity;

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15   Whereas, Students have called upon ASUM innumerable times to cultivate a positive group  
16 atmosphere for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), for which ASUM has failed to  
17 make progress;

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19   Whereas, ASUM has not made meaningful or measurable progress with respect to anti-bias in  
20 the governance of the student body;

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22   Whereas, Other institutions<sup>2</sup> have either implemented or plan to implement anti-bias modules in  
23 curriculum and personnel policy;

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25   Whereas, UM will implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training mandatory for freshman  
26 students to complete at orientation;

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28   Whereas, In an effort to build authentic and lasting solidarity among BIPOC, dismantle white  
29 supremacy, and advance racial justice, the ASUM Senate ought to require anti-bias trainings for  
30 all senators and executives;

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32   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That a new subsection F under Article II, Section 2 of the  
33 ASUM Bylaws be inserted and read as follows:  
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<sup>1</sup> Associated Students of University of Montana S. Bill 8, ll. 17-19, 26-27, 2020-2021 S. (2020).

<sup>2</sup> See also Colorado Today, *Chancellor announces immediate anti-racism actions to transform campus*, (June 18, 2020), <https://www.colorado.edu/today/2020/06/18/chancellor-announces-immediate-anti-racism-actions-transform-campus>; Clayton Spencer, *The Work of Antiracism at Bates*, (June 15, 2020), <https://www.bates.edu/president/2020/06/15/the-work-of-antiracism-at-bates/>; Vince E. Price, *An Update on Duke's Anti-Racism Efforts*, (Oct. 15, 2020), <https://president.duke.edu/category/news/>; Kerry Walk Ph. D., *A Message from President Walk: Working Toward Racial Justice at MMC*, (June 12, 2020), <https://www.mmm.edu/live/news/3812-a-message-from-president-walk-working-toward>; Michael Y. Young, *Actions and Next Step: Climate Change*, (June 15, 2020), <https://president.tamu.edu/messages/june-15-actions-and-next-steps-campus-climate.html>; Javier Cevallos, *Statement from President Cevallos on FSU commitment to becoming an anti-racist institution*, (June 17, 2020), <https://www.framingham.edu/about-fsu/news-and-events/articles/statement-from-president-cevallos-on-fsu-commitment-to-becoming-an-anti-racist-institution.html>.

35 *E. All officers shall be required to complete anti-bias training during fall and spring*  
36 *retreats.;*

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That all subsections thereafter be renumbered to reflect  
39 the addition of subsection E;

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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That a new subsection G under Article III, Section 2 of  
42 the ASUM Bylaws be inserted and read as follows:

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44 *G. All Senators shall be required to complete anti-bias training during fall and spring*  
45 *retreats.;*

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office  
48 Manager; Wilena Old Person, Co-Chair of Diversity Advisory Counsel.

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50 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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52 Passed by ASUM Senate: March 10 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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57 Noah Durnell,  
Chair of The Relations and Affairs Committee

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Patrick James Flanagan,  
Chair of the Senate