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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Offering an Opt-in Option for Printing Required Senate Materials**
3 **September 1st, 2021**
4 **SB04-21/22**

5 **Authored by: Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Senator;**
6 **Sponsored by: Canyon Lock, ASUM Vice President;**
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent the students
9 at the University of Montana (UM);

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11 Whereas, Article 1 Section 2 Subsection L of the ASUM House Rules currently states:

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13 *L. All ASUM Senate and committee meetings will be paperless insofar as all items on the*
14 *meeting agenda (resolutions, information items, committee reports) will be distributed*
15 *and reviewed on electronic devices*

16 1. *ASUM Members are expected to use the electronic devices only for ASUM*
17 *related business. Violations that occur after one warning will result in an*
18 *unexcused absence.*

19 2. *If a member of ASUM does not have access to an electronic device and needs*
20 *one for an ASUM meeting it will be the responsibility of the ASUM*
21 *Administration to provide this member with an electronic device;*
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23 Whereas, Senators and Executives are expected to attend meetings having read all provided
24 materials including but not limited to: ASUM governing documents, budget requests, committee
25 minutes, information items, etc;

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27 Whereas, Senators who want their required documents in physical form must use their own
28 printing materials or pay out of pocket to print elsewhere therefore creating an economic barrier
29 for members who prefer paper over digital format;

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31 Whereas, Studies show that students who use physical reading materials over digital materials
32 have a more comprehensive idea of the text and can recall more information^{1 2};

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34 Whereas, Printing out materials for Senators that request it will ensure that all members have an
35 equal opportunity to have their required materials in the form that best fits their learning style;

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37 Whereas, Offering an opt-in printing option allows ASUM to primarily stay paperless while
38 allowing members to have physical copies of ASUM documents without an economic barrier;

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article 1 Section 2 Subsection L of the ASUM House Rules be
41 amended to read:

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43 *L. All ASUM Senate and committee meetings ~~will~~ are encouraged to use be paperless*
44 *methods insofar as all items on the meeting agenda (resolutions, information items,*
45 *committee reports) will be distributed and reviewed on electronic devices unless ASUM*
46 *members request printed materials 24 hours in advance.*

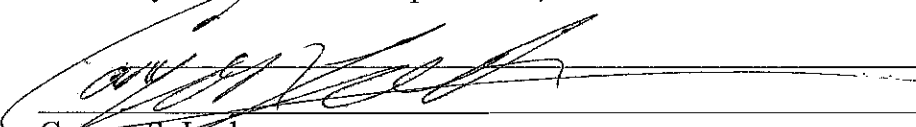
47 *1. All ASUM Officers at the start of their term will have the option to opt-in to*
48 *receiving the ASUM governing documents printed.*

49 *2. ASUM Officers are expected to use the electronic devices only for ASUM*
50 *related business. Violations that occur after one warning will result in an*
51 *unexcused absence.*

52 *3. If an Officer of ASUM does not have access to an electronic device and needs*
53 *one for an ASUM meeting it will be the responsibility of the ASUM*
54 *Administration to provide this member with an electronic device;*
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56 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Alexandra Berna, ASUM
57 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

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59 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 1, 2021
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63 Canyon S. Lock,
64 Chair of the Senate
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66 Passed on a 17Y-0N-3A vote
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