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1 **Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2 **Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws to Provide for Interview**  
3 **Question Procedures**  
4 **October 7, 2021**  
5 **SB26-21/22**  
6 **Authored by: Emma Kiefer, ASUM Senator;**  
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) Bylaws aim to facil-  
9 itate an efficient, adaptable, and democratic representative body<sup>1</sup>;

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11 Whereas, Article IV, Section 7 of the Bylaws is generally vague and does not provide adequate  
12 rules for the interview process;

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14 Whereas, The Interview Committee (the “Committee”) currently has minimal rules governing  
15 the approval of applications, the interview process, the voting process, and a timeline for the pro-  
16 cessing of applications;

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18 Whereas, The Committee is responsible for interviewing and recommending individuals for ap-  
19 pointment by the President for positions within ASUM<sup>2</sup>;

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21 Whereas, There should be an explicit clause that directs the Committee to compile a list of ques-  
22 tions to ask Senators and Students-At-Large during interviews;

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24 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to  
25 read:

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27 *Section 7. Interview Committee*  
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29 *(1)The Interview Committee shall be composed of seven (7) voting members, of which*  
30 *five (5) shall be Senators and the remaining two (2) shall be Senators and/or students-at-*  
31 *large at the discretion of the Vice President.*

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33 *(2)A Senator shall chair the Committee.*  
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35 *(3)The Committee shall be responsible for interviewing and recommending individuals to*  
36 *the President for positions within ASUM. This may include, but is not limited to, vacant*  
37 *Senate seats, Student Regent Nominees, the ASUM Lobbyist, and the Student Political*  
38 *Action Director.*

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40 *(4)The President may request the Committee to convene to interview and recommend any*  
41 *other positions within ASUM except classified staff.*

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43 *(5)The President and the Committee shall be required to meet following the conclusion of*  
44 *the interviewing process and disclose the reasoning behind both their recommendations.*

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<sup>1</sup>Associated Students of the University of Montana Bylaws, Preamble.

<sup>2</sup>Associated Students of the University of Montana ASUM Bylaws, Art. IV §7.

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46 (6)All applications shall be sent to the Secretary. The Secretary shall forward all applica-  
47 tions to the Chair of the Committee.  
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49 (7)The Committee shall vote by a simple majority to advance an application to an inter-  
50 view. The Committee shall vote by a simple majority after an interview to forward the ap-  
51 plication to the President for confirmation.  
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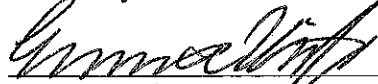
53 (8)The Committee shall process all Senator and Student-At-Large applications within fif-  
54 teen (15) days of submission. Extensions shall be granted at the discretion of the Chair,  
55 with written notice to the President. This does not include Student Regent Nominees, the  
56 ASUM Lobbyist, the Student Political Action Director, or other similarly appointed or  
57 interviewed positions.  
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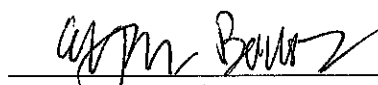
59 (9)The Committee shall convene at the beginning of the academic year, prior to hold-  
60 ing any interviews, to compile a list of questions to ask during Senator and Student-At-  
61 Large interviews. There shall be a minimum of eight (8) questions. These questions  
62 shall be reviewed and amended as needed at the beginning of the Spring semester.;  
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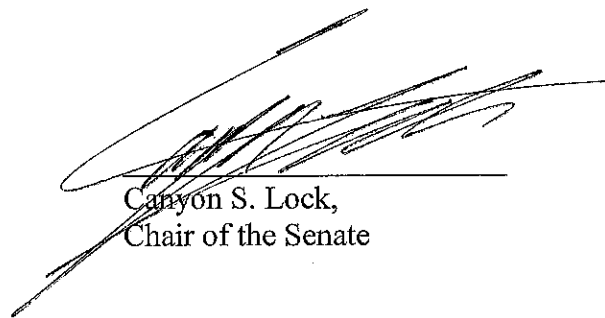
64 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office  
65 Manager, and Alexandra Berna, ASUM Secretary.  
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68 Passed by Committee: October 10, 2021  
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70 Passed by ASUM Senate: October 13, 2021  
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73 Emma Kiefer,  
74 Chair of Interview Committee  
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77 Elizabeth Bowles,  
78 Chair of Relations and Affairs  
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Canyon S. Lock,  
Chair of the Senate

80 Passed Unanimously.