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1                           **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                           **Resolution Establishing the Basic Needs Oversight Committee**  
3                           **October 12, 2021**

4                           **SB27-21/22**

5                           **Authored by: Noah Durnell, ASUM President;**  
6                           **Sponsored by: Kat Cowley, Bear Necessities Director;**

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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) advocates for the  
9       welfare of the student body through both its agencies and its governing committees;

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11       Whereas, ASUM formed an agency to address Basic Needs Insecurity (“BNI”) amongst  
12       University of Montana (“UM”) students, called “Bear Necessities”;

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14       Whereas, The Food Pantry will be absorbed as a program under Bear Necessities;

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16       Whereas, ASUM cut multiple oversight boards from the Bylaws in SB9-21/22: Resolution  
17       Striking Eight ASUM Committees from the Bylaws and Repurposing the Sustainability Board<sup>1</sup>;

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19       Whereas, Programs developed within Bear Necessities to mitigate BNI amongst students will  
20       necessitate similar community involvement;

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22       Whereas, Student input is essential to the development of new services administered by ASUM;

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24       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That a new section under Article IV of the Bylaws be enumerated  
25       as follows:

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27       ***Section 21. ASUM Basic Needs Oversight Committee***

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29               **(1) The Basic Needs Oversight Committee shall be composed of six (6) voting members,**  
30               **of which two (2) shall be Senators, two (2) shall be Senators or students-at-large,**  
31               **and two (2) shall be students-at-large. The Committee shall include the Bear**  
32               **Necessities Director, Food Pantry Student Coordinator, and Food Pantry**  
33               **AmeriCorps Vista (if applicable) as ex-officio members. The Committee may also**  
34               **include staff from other areas of campus including Dining, the University Center,**  
35               **and Missoula College as ex-officio members.**

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37               **(2) The Bear Necessities Director shall chair the Committee.**

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39               **(3) The Committee shall be responsible for supporting the work and mission of both the**  
40               **Food Pantry and the Bear Necessities Agency. This may include advocating for**  
41               **funding, advocating for campus policy changes in support of students experiencing**  
42               **basic needs insecurity, and advising the Director and Student Coordinator on how**  
43               **best to accomplish the mission of each respective organization.;**

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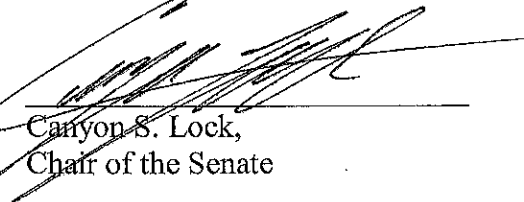
<sup>1</sup> Durnell, Lock, Rinck, Gudmundsson, Ververis. *SB9-21/22: Resolution Striking Eight ASUM Committees from the Bylaws and Repurposing the Sustainability Board*, August 6, 2021. Associated Students of the University of Montana. Accessed October 12, 2021.

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45 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Kat Cowley, Bear  
46 Necessities Director; Karen Schlatter, University Center Assistant Director; Lou Villemez,  
47 ASUM Legal Director; and Collin Zollinger, Food Pantry Student Coordinator.

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: October 13, 2021

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55 Canyon S. Lock,  
56 Chair of the Senate

57 Passed Unanimously.