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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2       **Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 21 of the ASUM Bylaws in Regard to the Basic**  
3                                   **Needs Oversight Board**

4                                   **November 4, 2021**

5                                   **SB46-21/22**

6       **Authored by: Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Senator; Nicholas Ververis, ASUM Senator;**  
7                                   **Elizabeth Bowles, ASUM Senator;**

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9       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) represents the  
10       students of the University of Montana (“UM”) and is bound by its Bylaws;

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12       Whereas, The Bear Necessities Agency and Basic Needs Oversight Board were created in the  
13       2021-2022 school year<sup>1</sup>;

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15       Whereas, Article IV § 21(2) of the ASUM Bylaws currently states:

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

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19       Whereas, It is unusual for the director of an agency to be the chair of their own committee<sup>2</sup>;

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21       Whereas, The Bear Necessities Director (“BND”) is enumerated as an ex-officio position in  
22       subsection (1) of the Bylaws;

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24       Whereas, As an ex-officio member, the BND is unable to vote in a committee meeting even in  
25       the case of a tie;

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27       Whereas, One of the essential functions of the chair in a committee is to break ties;

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29       Whereas, In order for the Basic Needs Oversight Board to function adequately, a chair that can  
30       break a tie is needed;

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32       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article IV § 21(2) of the Bylaws be amended to read:

33                                   *(2) ~~The Bear Necessities Director~~ A Senator or Student-At-Large shall*  
34                                   *chair the Committee.;*

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37       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Kat Cowley, ASUM Bear  
38       Necessities Director; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Alex Berna, ASUM Secretary.

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41       Passed by Committee: November 14, 2021

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43       Passed by ASUM Senate: November 17, 2021

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<sup>1</sup> Durnell. SB27- 21/22: Resolution Establishing the Basic Needs Oversight Committee, October 12, 2021.  
Associated Students of the University of Montana.

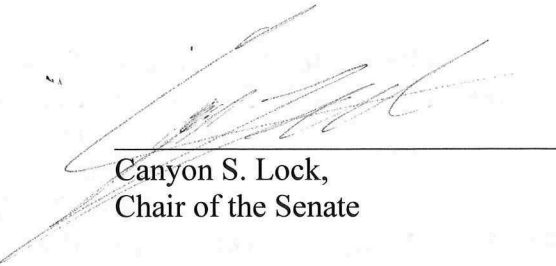
<sup>2</sup> See ASUM Bylaws, Article IV §§ 14 and 15.

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Elizabeth Bowles,  
Chair of Relations and Affairs



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Canyon S. Lock,  
Chair of the Senate

Passed Unanimously.