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1 **Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws to Establish Attendance**
3 **Requirements for Interviews**

4 **October 14, 2021**

5 **SB31-21/22**

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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 body¹;

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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 to the
19 President for positions within ASUM²;

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21 Whereas, It is common for committees to outline attendance requirements;

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23 Whereas, The current Bylaws do not include attendance requirements;

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25 Whereas, At least half of the Committee members should be present during an interview in order
26 to adequately interview individuals;

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

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31 *Section 7. Interview Committee*

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

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37 *(2) A Senator shall chair the Committee.*

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39 *(3) The Chair of the Committee shall act as a neutral facilitator throughout the interview*
40 *process.*
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¹Associated Students of the University of Montana Bylaws, Preamble.

²Associated Students of the University of Montana Bylaws, Art. IV, §7.

42 (4) *The Committee shall be responsible for interviewing and recommending individuals*
43 *to the President for positions within ASUM. This may include, but is not limited to, va-*
44 *cant Senate seats, Student Regent Nominees, the ASUM Lobbyist, and the Student Politi-*
45 *cal Action Director.*

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47 (5) *The President may request the Committee to convene to interview and recommend*
48 *any other positions within ASUM except classified staff.*

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50 (6) *The President and the Chair of the Committee shall be required to meet following the*
51 *conclusion of the interviewing process and disclose the reasoning behind both their rec-*
52 *ommendations.*

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54 (7) *The Committee shall vote by a simple majority to advance an application to an inter-*
55 *view. The Committee shall vote by a simple majority after an interview to forward the ap-*
56 *plication to the President for confirmation*

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58 (8) *The Committee shall process all Senator and Student-At-Large applications within*
59 *fifteen (15) days of submission. Extensions shall be granted at the discretion of the Chair,*
60 *with written notice to the President. This does not include Student Regent Nominees, the*
61 *ASUM Lobbyist, the Student Political Action Director, or other similarly appointed or*
62 *interviewed positions.*

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64 (9) *All applications shall be sent to the ASUM Senate Secretary. The Secretary shall for-*
65 *ward all applications to the Chair of the Committee.*

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67 (10) *The Committee shall vote by a simple majority to advance an application to an inter-*
68 *view. The Committee shall vote by a simple majority after an interview to forward the ap-*
69 *plication to the President for confirmation.*

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71 ***(11) At least half of the Committee members shall be present during all Senator and***
72 ***Student-At-Large Interviews. Exceptions shall be granted at the discretion of the***
73 ***Chair, with written notice to the President.***

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75 (12) *The Committee shall convene at the beginning of the academic year, prior to any in-*
76 *terviews, to compile a list of questions to ask during Senator and Student-At-Large inter-*
77 *views. There shall be a minimum of eight (8) questions. These questions shall be reviewed*
78 *and amended as needed at the beginning of the Spring semester.;*

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80 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office
81 Manager, and Alexandra Berna, ASUM Secretary.

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84 Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

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86 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2021

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89 Emma Kiefer,
90 Chair of Interview Committee

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93 Elizabeth Bowles,
94 Chair of Relations and Affairs

Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate