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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
**Resolution Expanding the Committee on Equitable Education**  
**September 1, 2022**  
**SB01-22/23**

**Authored by: Alexandra Berna, ASUM Vice President;**

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) is bound by its Bylaws;

Whereas, ASUM passed SB75: Resolution Establishing a Committee on Equitable Education on April 7, 2021<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, The Committee on Equitable Education (the “Committee”) was established primarily to provide recommendations to the University of Montana (“UM”) and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (“OCHE”) on implementation of policies relating to students’ opportunity to receive an equitable education at the UM;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 19 of the Bylaws currently reads:

***Section 19. Committee on Equitable Education***

- (1) The Committee on Equitable Education shall be composed of six (6) members, two (2) of which shall be Senators, three (3) of which shall be either Senators or students-at-large at the discretion of the ASUM Vice President, and one (1) of which shall be a Graduate and Professional Student Association Senator.*
  
- (2) The Committee on Equitable Education shall be the default committee to provide policy recommendations directed at creating a learning environment emphasizing dignity and worth, free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on sex, gender, or sexual violence. The Committee on Equitable Education shall also be the default committee to review any proposed or interim policy relating to sexual violence, harassment, discrimination or retaliation, Title IX implementation, medical amnesty for survivors, interim policies, hearing procedures effecting student-survivors on campus, UM Discrimination Hearing Procedures, any/or any policy relating to equitable education of survivors of sexual violence ;*

Whereas, The expansion of Committee seats would considerably support the mission of the Committee and allow for a broadened Committee mission statement and structure to develop in the future;

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<sup>1</sup> Pease, Danielle, “SB75-20-21: Resolution Establishing a Committee on Equitable Education” (2021). *Senate Resolutions, 2007-Present*. 858. [https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum\\_resolutions/858/](https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum_resolutions/858/)

Whereas, The expansion of Committee seats would better aid the Committee chair in both weekly tasks and unexpected or particularly demanding undertakings of the Committee;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article IV, Section 19 of the Bylaws be amended to read:

- (1) *The Committee on Equitable Education shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ **ten (10)** members, ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** of which shall be Senators, ~~three (3)~~ **six (6)** of which shall be either Senators or students-at-large, and one (1) of which shall be a ~~Graduate and Professional Student Association Senator~~ **graduate student**.*
- (2) *The Committee on Equitable Education shall be the default committee to provide policy recommendations directed at creating a learning environment emphasizing dignity and worth, free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on sex, gender, or sexual violence. The Committee on Equitable Education shall also be the default committee to review any proposed or interim policy relating to sexual violence, harassment, discrimination or retaliation, Title IX implementation, medical amnesty for survivors, interim policies, hearing procedures effecting student-survivors on campus, UM Discrimination Hearing Procedures, ~~any/or~~ **and/or** any policy relating to equitable education of survivors of sexual violence. ;*

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Asher Swan Adams, ASUM Secretary; Alicia Arant, Director of the Equal Opportunity Office; and Danielle Pease, Chair of the Committee on Equitable Education.

Passed by Committee: September 5, 2022

Passed by ASUM Senate: September 7, 2022

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Danielle Pease,  
Chair of the Committee on Equitable Education

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Alexandra Berna,  
Chair of the Senate

Passed Unanimously.