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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate is democratically elected by the student body;

Whereas, ASUM oversees its own election process;

Whereas, the ASUM Senate either confirms or overturns Election Committee punishments;

Whereas, Senate candidates are required to turn in campaign finance paperwork;

Whereas, past Senate candidates have neglected to turn in campaign finance paperwork;

Whereas, punishments have been inconsistent over different Senates;

Whereas, Article V, Section 4, Subsection I reads;

I. Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team must document expenditures for the Elections Committee by filing an expenditure form, complete with receipts, by 3 p.m. two days prior to the first day of the general election. Expenditure forms must be filed even if there are no expenditures. Additional expenditures made after the form deadline must be documented and filed prior to the closure of voting. Candidate expenditures will be made public by Elections Committee prior to the first day of general election. Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team is subject to disqualification, upon recommendation by the ASUM Elections Chair and confirmation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, if expenditures are filed late or if total expenditures exceed the aforementioned limits according to Article 5, Section 2.H of ASUM Bylaws.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 4, Subsection I be amended to read:

I. “Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team must document expenditures for the Elections Committee by filing an expenditure form two days prior to the general election in order to be seated. Expenditure forms must be filed even if there are no expenditures. Additional expenditures made after the form deadline must be documented and filed prior to the closure of voting. Candidate expenditures will be made public by Elections Committee as they become verified by the committee. prior to the first day of general election. Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team is subject to
disqualification, upon recommendation by the ASUM Elections Chair and
confirmation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, if expenditures are filed late
or if total expenditures exceed the aforementioned limits according to Article 5,
Section 2.H of ASUM Bylaws.

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Passed by ASUM Senate: ____________________________, 2013

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Jan Roddy,        Mariah Williams,
Relations and Affairs Chair    Chair of the Senate