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The Associated Students of the University of Montana  
Resolution Amending the Relations and Affairs Committee Bylaws  
April 27, 2011  
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Whereas, to be effective and relevant ASUM Bylaws must be current;

Whereas, Relations and Affairs Committee has long held a formal charge to issue a report of ASUM agency activity and coordinate the marketing efforts of ASUM;

Whereas, these duties, delegated to Relations and Affairs Committee by the ASUM Bylaws, have not been fulfilled in at least the last four years;

Whereas, the ad-hoc Students First Committee has taken on the duties of education, outreach, and marketing on behalf of ASUM and its agencies;

Whereas, Students First Committee is seeking status as a standing committee;

Whereas, ASUM strives to distribute burdens equally and empower Senators, students-at-large, and committees to fulfill their obligations;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate amend ASUM Bylaws to read:

Section 2. Relations and Affairs Committee:
A. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, four (4) of which shall be Senators.
B. All Changes to the ASUM Bylaws, ASUM Personnel Policy, ASUM House Rules, or any resolution not coming from the University Center Board, Student Political Action, or the Board on Budget and Finance must be presented to the Relations and Affairs Committee prior to going to the Senate.
1. The Relations and Affairs Committee can choose to forward resolutions to the Senate with a do pass, do not pass, or no recommendation at all.
2. The Relations and Affairs Committee may choose not to forward a resolution to the Senate in accordance with procedure in Roberts Rules of Order.
The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending all changes to the ASUM Bylaws and ASUM Personnel Policy.
C. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall work on unbiased projects, ideas, or campaigns intended to increase student involvement in and student awareness of ASUM government in general or any particular issue(s) pertaining to ASUM.
D. The Relations and Affairs Committee shall be responsible for all activities occurring on the University campus that affect ASUM and students. These activities include, but are not limited to: auxiliary service fees and operations, campus development plans,
campus security, environmental health, insurance, parking, university athletics, computer fees, academic issues, library operations, long-range building plans, international student affairs, student health service, drug and alcohol policy, and building and equipment fees.

E. The Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee is responsible for organizing a review of all ASUM Agency activity, excluding personnel issues, and presenting a report to the Senate at least once per semester.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate does everything within its power to encourage Relations and Affairs Committee to fulfill its obligation of reviewing ASUM agency activity and publish a report of findings during the 2011/2012 academic year.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki, Amanda Stovall,
Relations and Affairs Chair Chair of the Senate