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Resolution Amending Bylaws

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Whereas, ASUM has allocated money to the ASUM Community Garden;

Whereas, the ASUM Community Garden is a valuable component of ASUM with great potential for growth;

Whereas, gardens encourage community building, sustainable habits, and help facilitate the development of marketable skills;

Whereas, the garden exists for the enjoyment and betterment of students and the Missoula community;

Whereas, lack of organized oversight to the garden has created problems and unanswered questions in the past;

Whereas, the money allocated by ASUM was given with the understanding that ASUM would play a more active role the oversight and management of the Garden, with better communication and collaboration between ASUM and Garden City Harvest;

Therefore, let it be resolved, that ASUM create a student-led board to oversee the ASUM Community Garden and ASUM Bylaws Article IV – Committees and Boards be amended to read:

Section 23: ASUM Community Garden Board

A. ASUM Community Garden Board shall consist of five (5) voting members, with an ASUM Senator serving as chair, who shall be recommended for appointment by the ASUM Vice President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the senate. Of the five (5) voting Board members, two (2) shall be members of the ASUM Senate and four (4) three (3) shall be students-at-large, with senators serving one-year terms and students-at-large serving two-year terms. The ASUM Community Garden Coordinator and the Garden City Harvest Community Outreach Director shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board.

B. The Board shall meet a minimum of twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the fall. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by two (2) or more members of the Board. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members of the Board.

C. The Chair shall act for the Board in its absence, subject to its review.
D. The ASUM Community Garden Board shall serve as an advisory board to the ASUM Community Garden Coordinator, providing guidance and supervision. Duties and functions of the Community Garden Board shall include:

1. Create and review an annual operating budget for the ASUM Community Garden and oversee fiscal activity of the Garden.

2. Conduct a yearly survey of the Garden’s tenants to assess Garden use.

3. Maintain direct contact between the Garden, the ASUM Administration, and Garden City Harvest.

4. In collaboration with the ASUM Administration and ASUM Interview Committee, hire a garden coordinator no later than April 1 each spring.

5. Develop short-term (one year) education and outreach plans for the ASUM Community Garden.

6. In consultation with the ASUM Administration, Garden City Harvest, and the ASUM Community Garden Coordinator, create a long-range (five year) plan for the Garden focusing on financial stability, development, and improvement of the Garden.

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2010

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Andrew Dusek, Relations and Affairs Chair

Emily May, Chair of the Senate