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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding ASUM Continuity
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Whereas, the elections held each year for the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) compel many students unfamiliar with ASUM to run;

Whereas, a common sentiment expressed by students this year has been that ASUM lacks a highly visible campus presence as well as knowledge of its purpose, function, and structure;

Whereas, said students are often elected to ASUM and are unfamiliar with the various committee structures, their purposes, and their relations to other committees;

Whereas, when said students are placed onto committees, they lack an efficient way to see how their committee has historically functioned;

Whereas, the majority of people elected to ASUM serve for two or fewer years, creating a lack of institutional knowledge;

Whereas, Article IV “COMMITTEES AND BOARDS,” Section 1, Subsection L of the ASUM Bylaws reads:

L. All ASUM committees, under the direction of the chair, shall require and publish an annual report identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the agency or committee within the current academic year’s strategic plan.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV “COMMITTEES AND BOARDS,” Section 1, Subsection L of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:

L. All ASUM committees, under the direction of the chair, shall require and publish an annual report identifying the achievements and areas of potential growth of the agency or committee within the current academic year’s strategic plan. The annual report shall be completed before students vote in the ASUM elections.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Subsection a be added to Article IV “COMMITTEES AND BOARDS,” Section 1, Subsection L of the ASUM Bylaws to read:

a. “Annual report may include, but not be limited to, a binder documenting goals, successes, failures, events, photos, login credentials, strategic recommendations, budgetary information, and the like for the following year’s committee”;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Subsection b be added to Article IV “COMMITTEES AND BOARDS,” Section 1, Subsection L of the ASUM Bylaws to read

b. “All Senators shall be notified within one week of their first meeting of said binders and have them made available upon request”;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the Student Political Action Committee will compile the first committee guide to serve as an example to the other committees.

Passed by Committee: April 14, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: April 16, 2014

Final Vote: 16Y-3N-1A

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