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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Bylaws on KBGA
November 4th, 2015
SB25-15/16

Authored by: Wyatt Smith, ASUM Senator; Cody Meixner, ASUM President
Sponsored by:

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

Whereas, the Student Radio Station, KBGA, is an agency under ASUM;

Whereas, KBGA is a highly valued, student-owned and operated entity that provides high quality radio programming to the Missoula community;

Whereas, the ASUM Radio Board is responsible for general oversight of KBGA, including but not limited to: the yearly appointment of the KBGA General Manager, all major format or structural changes to KBGA, and the approval of KBGA’s yearly budget;

Whereas, Section 12 of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads:

Section 12. Student Radio Station:

A. The Radio Board shall be composed of seven members, chaired by an at-large student, who may make or break a tie. The other six members shall consist of the General Manager of the Student radio station, a faculty member of the Radio Television Department chosen by the chair of the Department, a student at-large, one DJ elected annually by the DJs, an ASUM Senator, and the Director of the Department of Information and Technology or designee. Students shall be appointed and serve pursuant to the ASUM Constitution and Policies.

B. A quorum shall normally consist of four members of the Board.

C. The Board shall be responsible for the yearly appointment of the General Manager. The Board shall also be responsible for approving the General Manager’s recommendations for positions listed in Item 4.60 of Personnel Policy.

D. The Board shall oversee the general operations of the student radio station. This shall include approval of all major format or structural changes, as well as approval of the student radio budget to be submitted by the General Manager on a yearly basis.

Whereas, for several years there has been a lack of communication between the ASUM Radio Board and the ASUM Senate;
Whereas, frequent and transparent communication between the ASUM Senate, its agencies, and its committees is crucial to these organizations’ successful operations;

Whereas, incorporating more ASUM involvement and oversight in the make-up and operations of the ASUM Radio Board will foster frequent and transparent communication between ASUM and KBGA;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that section 12 of the ASUM Bylaws shall read:

**Section 12. Radio Board:**

A. The Radio Board shall be composed of nine (9) members, seven (7) of which are voting members, the committee shall be chaired by the ASUM Business Manager, who shall vote only in the case of a tie. The other eight (8) members shall consist of the General Manager of KBGA, a faculty member of the Radio Television Department chosen by the chair of the Department, two (2) students-at-large, one DJ elected annually by the DJs, an ASUM Senator, and the Director of the Department of Information and Technology, or designee. The KBGA Advisor shall sit as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board. Students shall be appointed and serve pursuant to the ASUM Constitution and Policies.

B. A quorum shall consist of five (5) voting members of the Board.

C. The Board shall be responsible for the yearly appointment of the General Manager. The Board shall also be responsible for approving the General Manager’s recommendations for positions listed in Item 4.60 of Personnel Policy. After approval of the Board, the General Manager shall submit these recommendations to the ASUM Senate for approval.

D. The Board shall oversee the general operations of KBGA. This shall include approval of all major format or structural changes, as well as approval of the student radio budget to be submitted by the General Manager on a yearly basis. After approval of the Board, the General Manager shall submit the budget to the ASUM Senate for approval.

E. The Radio Board shall meet and have quorum at least once monthly during the academic year.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that these changes shall take effect immediately;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kyle Verhovshek, KBGA General Manager; Terry Conrad, KBGA Advisor; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM
Accountant; Phoebe Hunter, ASUM Office Manager; and, all current members of the Radio Board.

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2015

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2015

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