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Resolution Amending ASUM Legal Services Rules and Regulations

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Authored by: Maxwell Nelson, ASUM Senator and Chair of Legal Board;
Sponsored by: Annie Hamilton, Director of ASUM Legal Services;

Whereas, the Rules and Regulations for the ASUM Legal Services Program currently prohibits ASUM Legal Services from providing legal services to anyone who is not an Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) fee paying student;

Whereas, Legal Services maintains a cadre of legal experts throughout the year, even during times when student demand for ASUM legal services lightens, such as over summer break;

Whereas, the ASUM Legal Services Director has expressed interest in allowing ASUM Legal Services to serve non-students, such as University of Montana (UM) staff, during these times;

Whereas, this would not cost ASUM or ASUM Legal Services any additional money or resources, and in fact could increase revenue;

Whereas, this would not interrupt the provision of legal services to fee paying students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the following language be added to Section I, Member Eligibility to Use Plan of the Rules and Regulations for the ASUM Legal Services Program:

7: At the discretion of the ASUM Legal Services Director, in cases where it would not interfere with the provision of legal services to fee-paying students, ASUM Legal Services may provide services to UM faculty and staff. Anyone served under this provision must be assessed an additional fee on top of any other payment made, determined by Legal Services, which shall be no less than the current ASUM fee.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Annie Hamilton, Director of ASUM Legal Services.