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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ASUM Continuity**
3 **April 16, 2014**
4 **SB88-13/14**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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55 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 16, 2014

56 Final Vote: 16Y-3N-1A

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Sean McQuillan,
61 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate