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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending House Rules**
3 **March 13, 2013**
4 **SB62-12/13**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has a vested
9 interest in timely ASUM Senate meetings;

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11 Whereas, roll call votes can be unnecessary for routine resolutions that often pass by near
12 unanimity;

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14 Whereas, roll call votes are vital to the student body for knowing which Senators and
15 Executives support divisive issues;

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17 Whereas, students who wish to know which Senators vote which way on resolutions can
18 urge Senators to call a roll call vote on resolutions they are interested in;

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20 Whereas, ASUM should update its by-laws and policies to suit a changing organization;

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22 Whereas, Article 1, Section 2, Subsection K of ASUM House Rules states:

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24 The final vote on all resolutions voted on by the ASUM Senate requires a roll call
25 vote unless approved by unanimous consent.

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27 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article 1, Section 2, Subsection K of ASUM House
28 Rules shall be amended to state:

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30 Unless approved by unanimous consent, the final vote on all resolutions voted on
31 by the ASUM Senate shall be initially by a show of hands or other physical
32 indication. If a vote does not obviously appear to pass by a two-thirds majority of
33 members present, the vote shall immediately go into a roll call vote. The vote of
34 each member of the Senate shall be included in the minutes for a roll call vote;
35 otherwise, the minutes shall indicate the distribution or approximate distribution
36 of final votes.

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38 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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41 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

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45 Damara Simpson,
46 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate