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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Defining the Student-at-Large**
3 **December 26th, 2018**
4 **SB21-18/19**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) has many students
9 sitting on ASUM committees as Students-at-Large (SALs);
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11 Whereas, ASUM does not have a definition or clear set of criteria to identify who is an SAL and
12 who is not;

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14 Whereas, Confusion has arisen in terms of who qualifies as an SAL with the absence of such a
15 definition;

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17 Whereas, This confusion can deprive other UM students from having the opportunity to serve as
18 an SAL;

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20 Whereas, The true meaning of what an SAL is or what an SAL does is unclear;

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22 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 1 of the ASUM bylaws be amended to
23 read:

24 *O. Upon the resignation or impeachment of a Committee Chair, the previously*
25 *designated Vice-Chair will assume the role of Chair, and a new Vice-Chair will be*
26 *appointed by the President in consultation with the Vice President pending approval of*
27 *the Committee by majority vote and confirmed by 2/3 majority of the Senate. The*
28 *previously designated Vice-Chair may only become Chair through this process for two*
29 *committees at maximum.*

30 *P. ASUM Committees may have seats reserved for Students-at-Large (SAL). These*
31 *student committee members are independent from the Senate and do not hold an*
32 *elected position within ASUM. A student can become an SAL by being appointed to*
33 *any committee by the Vice President and confirmed by the Senate with a majority vote.*
34 *This person does not represent students at the university, rather, they represent their*
35 *own opinions when serving in this capacity. An SAL must be enrolled in at least one*
36 *(1) credit at the University of Montana, Missoula College campuses, or Bitterroot*
37 *College. Additionally, SALs that sit on university committees will be appointed through*
38 *the same process and will be held to the same standards as explained in this clause as*
39 *well as in Section 4.14 of Personnel policy.*

40 *Q. Upon amendment of any part of Article IV of these bylaws, any affected agency shall*
41 *be notified of the bylaw change in writing by the ASUM Secretary or other relevant*
42 *officer no later than a 24 day (24 hours) after the passage of the relevant amending*
43 *resolution. Any amendments to section 2-29 of Article IV of these bylaws require that the*
44 *agency named in that section to be notified of this change. Any amendments to section 1*
45 *of Article IV of these bylaws require that all agencies listed in sections 2-29 of Article IV*
46 *be notified. Agencies can be considered to have been notified when the relevant heads of*

93 "Student-at-Large" refers to any student member of an ASUM or University committee
94 that does not already hold an elected position in ASUM.;

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96 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this definition be added to match the alphabetical
97 ordering of the definitions in Article VI;

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99 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to all current SALs; and
100 James Flanagan, Chair of the ASUM Website Upkeep Committee.

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103 Passed by Committee: February 1st, 2019

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105 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 20th, 2019

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107 Ethan Hanley

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109 Ethan Hanley,
110 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

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