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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Clarifying how to Introduce Business in Article 1, Section 2 of ASUM House**
3 **Rules**

4 **January 6th, 2020**
5 **SB47 - 19/20**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
9 governing documents;

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11 Whereas, Article I, Section 2 of ASUM House Rules currently states:

- 12 ● *D. Discussion and voting on resolutions or motions that were not submitted under "New*
13 *Business" may only occur in one of the following ways:*
 - 14 ○ *a. The action is forwarded as a seconded motion from any committee referenced*
15 *in Article IV section 1, Subsection J.*
 - 16 ■ *i. A seconded motion means that an approved action need not be*
17 *submitted under "New Business" and may be debated under "Unfinished*
18 *Business."*
 - 19 ○ *b. The action is posted on the publicly published meeting agenda (at least 24*
20 *hours before the meeting occurs).*
 - 21 ○ *c. The Senate suspends these rules by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote and*
22 *discusses the action during "Unfinished Business."*

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24 Whereas, Montana Open Meeting Laws specifically require business items to be posted to the
25 agenda in advance of the meeting and giving the public adequate notice¹;

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27 Whereas, The last paragraph in subsection D is a violation of Montana Open Public Meeting
28 laws;

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30 Whereas, Article II, Section 4 of the ASUM Constitution currently reads:

31 *Section 4 . The ASUM government and activities must comply with Montana State law*
32 *and the policies of the Montana Board of Regents on Higher Education.;*
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34 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article I, Section 2 of the ASUM House Rules be amended
35 to read:

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¹ 2-3-103 MCA

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Passed by ASUM Senate: January 15th, 2020

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Chair of the Senate

Resolution Passes Unanimously