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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Striking Eight ASUM Committees from the Bylaws and Repurposing the**
3 **Sustainability Board**

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7 **Rinck, ASUM Business Manager; Tor Gudmundsson, ASUM Senator; Nicholas Ververis,**
8 **ASUM Senator;**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is governed by its
11 Bylaws;

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13 Whereas, ASUM may form committees to oversee or manage areas and functions of the
14 organization;

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16 Whereas, Senators are expected to serve on at least two committees per year, to include ASUM
17 and University committees;

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19 Whereas, ASUM values accessibility;

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21 Whereas, ASUM committee involvement attributes a tremendous amount of time to a Senator's
22 normal work load;

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24 Whereas, Dismissing committees will make ASUM involvement more accessible for students by
25 decreasing their potential time commitment;

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27 Whereas, Each ASUM Agency has an oversight board for the purpose of creating the Agency's
28 budget, assisting with Agency events and marketing, and keeping the Senate informed on
29 Agency business;

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31 Whereas, Agency directors traditionally create their own budgets for Final Budgeting subject to
32 review of the ASUM Accountant;

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34 Whereas, The Senate as a whole reviews each Agency budget in preparation for the first round of
35 Final Budgeting;

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37 Whereas, ASUM hired a Marketing and Outreach Director in the Spring of 2021;

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39 Whereas, According to Section 4.20 of Personnel Policy, job duties of the ASUM Marketing and
40 Outreach Director include:

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42 *The ASUM Marketing and Outreach Director is a paid student internship position*
43 *responsible for the following: [...] share the content of ASUM's agencies, student*
44 *groups, or other stakeholders as deemed necessary by M&O; [...] assist with*
45 *marketing agencies.;*
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47 Whereas, Only select members of the Senate are informed of Agency business when segregated
48 into multiple committees;

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50 Whereas, There are currently more proper and efficient means of creating Agency budgets,
51 assisting with Agency events and marketing, and informing Senators of Agency business than
52 the current oversight committee model;

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54 Whereas, The Sustainability Board has historically been a popularly requested committee to
55 serve on amongst Senators who wish to advocate for sustainability issues and projects on
56 campus;

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58 Whereas, Article IV Section 20 (4) of the Bylaws states:

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60 *(4) The Board shall serve as an advisory board to the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator,*
61 *providing guidance and supervision. Duties and functions of the Board shall include:*
62 *(a) Annually review the ASUM Sustainability Center's operating budget;*
63 *(b) Approve expenditures of \$200.00 or more from the budget;*
64 *(c) Ensure that student (ASUM) interests are considered in creating policies and*
65 *projects within the ASUM Sustainability Center by helping the Sustainability*
66 *Coordinator decide on these matters;*
67 *(d) In collaboration with the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, develop short-*
68 *term (one-year) education and outreach plans for the Sustainability Center;*
69 *(e) In consultation with the ASUM Administration and the Sustainability*
70 *Coordinator, create long-range planning goals and funding sources for the*
71 *ASUM Sustainability Center's development and use.;*

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73 Whereas, The functions of the Sustainability Board delineated in the Bylaws do not directly
74 reflect the interests that compel Senators to join;

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76 Whereas, The ASUM Bylaws should only contain ASUM committees;

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78 Whereas, There are currently University committees enumerated in the Bylaws;

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80 Whereas; There are defunct ASUM committees still enumerated in the Bylaws;

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82 Whereas, The ASUM Bylaws working group formed, and met to amend the Bylaws to address
83 the aforementioned concerns;

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85 Whereas, Dismissing multiple committees is the most accessible and strategic way to address the
86 aforementioned concerns;

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88 Whereas; Article IV Section 1(1) of the Bylaws states:

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90 *Upon amendment of any part of Article IV of these Bylaws, any affected agency*
91 *shall be notified of the Bylaw change in writing by the ASUM Secretary or other*

92 *relevant officer no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the passage of the*
93 *relevant amending resolution;*

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95 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 10. University Center Board, of the
96 Bylaws be struck;

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98 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 11. Personnel Supervision
99 Committee, of the Bylaws be struck;

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101 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 13. Transportation Board, of the
102 Bylaws be struck;

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104 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 16. ASUM Housing and Off
105 Campus Renter Center Oversight Board, of the Bylaws be struck;

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107 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 18. ASUM Childcare Oversight
108 Committee, of the Bylaws be struck;

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110 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 19. Campus Recreation and
111 Sports Board, of the Bylaws be struck;

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113 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 22. ASUM Legal Board, of the
114 Bylaws be struck;

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116 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 26. Zero Waste Oversight Board,
117 of the Bylaws be struck;

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119 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article IV, Section 20. Sustainability Board, of the
120 Bylaws be amended to read:

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122 ***(1) The Board shall be composed of nine (9) voting members, of which three (3) shall***
123 ***be Senators, three (3) shall be students-at-large, and three (3) shall be either***
124 ***Senators or students-at-large with students-at-large receiving priority The Director***
125 ***of the ASUM Sustainability Center shall serve a non-voting member of the Board.***
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127 ***(2) A Senator and the Sustainability Coordinator shall co-chair the Board.***
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129 ***(3) The Board shall ensure that student interests are considered in the ASUM***
130 ***Sustainability Center's priorities, advocate for sustainability policies and interests,***
131 ***and hold stakeholders on passed resolutions regarding sustainability accountable***
132 ***by following up.***
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134 ***(4) Duties and functions of the Board shall include:***

135 ***(a) Ensure that student interests are considered in creating policies and projects***
136 ***within the ASUM Sustainability Center by helping the Sustainability***
137 ***Coordinator decide on these matters;***

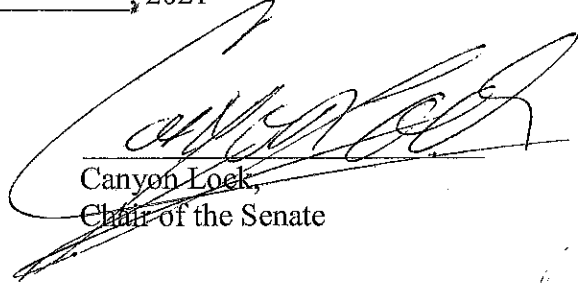
- 138 ***(b) Act as a liaison between Senate and the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator to***
139 ***communicate sustainability interests***
140 ***(c) Advocate for sustainability interests generated from the committee to the***
141 ***Senate where appropriate.***
142 ***(d) Draft resolutions pertaining to sustainability needs and advocacy, follow up***
143 ***on previously written resolutions, and hold stakeholders accountable.;***
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145 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Alexandra Berna, ASUM
146 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Lou Villemez, ASUM Legal Director; Vicki
147 Olson, ASUM Childcare Director; Jordan Hess, ASUM Transportation Director; Madeleine
148 Jones, ASUM Sustainability Director; Hilary Rosa, ASUM Food Pantry Coordinator; Adrienne
149 Smith, University Center Director; Steve Thompson, Campus Recreation Director; Alexandra
150 Akmal, ASUM Marketing & Outreach Director.

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154 Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

155 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 8, 2021

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159 Elizabeth Bowles,
160 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee



Canyon Lock,
Chair of the Senate

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162 Passed Unanimously.