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**SB111-21/22-Resolution Amending Article V Section 2(11) and
Section 5(3) of the ASUM Bylaws Regarding Third-Party
Endorsements**

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Article 5 Section 2(11) and Section 5(3) of the ASUM Bylaws**
3 **Regarding Third-Party Endorsements**

4 **April 21, 2022**

5 **SB111-21/22**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) are the governing
9 body of the University of Montana (“UM”) students;

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11 Whereas, ASUM currently has five core values: Accessibility, Advocacy, Inclusivity,
12 Transparency, and Service¹;

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14 Whereas, Current sections of the ASUM Bylaws (the “Bylaws”) pertaining to being
15 unknowingly endorsed by a third-party are unclear;

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17 Whereas, The Elections Committee and the ASUM Senate (“Senate”) of 2021-2022 have
18 expressed issues with the language in these two sections;

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20 Whereas, Article V, Section 2(11) of the Bylaws currently states:

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22 (11) *Candidates may only receive endorsements for their campaigns from*
23 *individual members. Individuals endorsing candidates may not speak on*
24 *behalf of any third-party organizations, including but not limited to,*
25 *ASUM member organizations, fraternities and sororities, academic*
26 *departments, University sports teams, social media pages or groups that*
27 *do not clearly represent an individual member, non-profit organizations,*
28 *and private companies; however, individuals endorsing candidates may*
29 *mention their involvement in any of these groups without it being*
30 *perceived as a group endorsement.;*

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32 Whereas, Article V, Section 5(3) of the Bylaws currently states:

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34 (3) *Any Candidate or Candidate Team seeking an office within ASUM, who*
35 *claims to be unknowingly endorsed by a Member Organization or Third-*
36 *party shall be brought before the Elections Committee, who shall then*
37 *recommend a course of action, which the Senate must approve with a two-*
38 *thirds (2/3) majority vote.;*

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article V, Section 2(11) of the Bylaws be amended to state:

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42 (11) *Candidates may only receive endorsements for their campaigns from*
43 *individual members. Individuals endorsing candidates may not speak on*
44 *behalf of any third-party organizations, including but not limited to,*
45 *ASUM member organizations, fraternities and sororities, academic*

¹ *About.* (2022). Umt.edu. <https://www.umt.edu/asum/about/>

46 *departments, University sports teams, social media pages or groups that*
47 *do not clearly represent an individual member, non-profit organizations,*
48 *and private companies; however, individuals endorsing candidates may*
49 *mention their involvement in any of these groups without it being*
50 *perceived as a group endorsement. **Candidates who are unknowingly***
51 ***endorsed by a third-party or member organization shall not receive a***
52 ***violation or sanctions if the Elections Committee determines that the***
53 ***endorsement was in fact done without the Candidate's or Candidate***
54 ***Team's knowledge.;***

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56 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article V, Section 5(3) be struck from the Bylaws;

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58 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM
59 Office Manager.

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61 Passed by Committee: May 1, 2022

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63 Passed by ASUM Senate: May 4, 2022

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67 Elizabeth Bowles,
68 Chair of Relations and Affairs

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67 Mary Melissa Glueckert,
68 Chair of Senate