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# SB105-21/22-Resolution Changing Membership from SALs to Members on Appropriate Committees 

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## The Associated Students of the University of Montana Resolution Changing Membership from SÄLs to Members on Appropriate Committees <br> April 15, 2022 <br> SB105-21/22 <br> Authored by: Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Vice President;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana ("ASUM") represents students at the University of Montana ("UM");

Whereas, In an effort to broaden student involvement with UM, ASUM encourages Members to be involved by becoming a Student-At-Large ("SAL");

Whereas, The 21/22 Senate passed a plethora of Resolutions amending Article IV, Section 7 of the Bylaws revitalizing the Interview Committee's purpose and charge;

Whereas, These changes to Article IV, Section 7 included interviewing SAL's before they are approved to sit on ASUM and University committees;

Whereas, There are several committees and boards where it is not always appropriate to interview students prior to their appointments;

Whereas, The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ("DEI") Committee, Constitutional Review Board ("CRB"), and Ethics Violation Review Board ("EVRB") hold a certain number of seats for SALs;

Whereas, The CRB and EVRB often have to convene in a swift manner and do not always have the chance to interview students prior to their appointment in order to meet the timeline required by the Bylaws;

Whereas, Article IV, Section 5(1) of the ASUM Bylaws currently states:
(1) The Constitutional Review Board shall be composed of five (5) students, none of whom may be members of the Senate, and up to two (2) ex-officio attorneys to be selected from ASUM Legal and/or The University of Montana Office of Legal Counsel. The President shall appoint the Chair and members of the Board to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.;

Whereas, Article VI, Section 4(1)(a) of the ASUM Bylaws currently states:
(a) The President shall appoint membership to a standing Ethics Violation Review Board to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate. The Board shall be composed as follows:
i. The Board shall be composed of five (5) students, none of whom may be members of the Senate. The President has the option to appoint up to two (2) ex-officio attorneys to be selected from ASUM Legal and/or The University of Montana Office of Legal Counsel, upon consent from their
office. The Board shall be chaired by one' (1) of the five (5) students appointed.;

Whereas, The CRB and EVRB are unique from other ASUM committees and boards because they require to be made up of students, none of which shall be members of the Senate;

Whereas, DEI Committee is also a unique committee because it requires SAL seats to be first filled by members of Member Organizations that promote DEI in the organization's core values;

Whereas, Limiting the seats on CRB, EVRB, and DEI to only SALs greatly shrinks the pool of students that can serve on that committee or board;

Whereas, It is more appropriate to reserve seats for Members rather than SALs on CRB, EVRB, and DEI;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article IV, Section 1(12) of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:
(12) Boards and committees shall reserve seats for Students-At-Large. They are independent from the Senate and do not hold an elected position within ASUM. A student may become a Student-At-Large by applying and being appointed to any board or committee by the Vice President, approved by the President, and confirmed by the Senate by a simple majority vote. A Student-At-Large must be a Member. If a Student-At-Large becomes a Senator through appointment, a seat will be added to any committees they serve on only if all other Senator seats are filled. If the Senator resigns, is removed, or otherwise cannot serve, the additional seat will be removed. Additionally, Students-At-Large who sit on university committees shall be appointed through the same process and shall be held to the same standards as explained in this clause as well as in Section 4.14 of Personnel Policy.
(13) The Constitutional Review Board, Ethics Violation Review Board, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee shall hold seats for Members not exclusively for Students-At-Large.;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, Article IV, Section 18 of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:
(1) The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee shall be composed of ten (10) voting members, five (5) of which shall be Senators and five (5) of which shall be Members Students-At-Large and/or Senators at the discretion of the Vice President.
(2) A Senator or Student-at Large Member shall serve as Chair of the Committee.
(3) A Senator or Student-At-Large Member shall serve as Vice Chair of the Committee.
(4) The Student-at-Large Member seats on the Committee are to be first filled from members of the following Member Organizations that promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion amongst their core values
(a) Associated Disabled Students of the University of Montana;
(b) Black Student Union;
(c) Latiné Student Union;
(d) Pacific Islanders Club;
(e) International Student Association;
(f) Kyiyo Native American Student Association;
(g) Women's Resource Center;
(h) Lambda Alliance;
(i) UTOPIA Montana; or
(j) One" Persons:;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, This Resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager, Alex Berna, ASUM Secretary; O'Shay Birdinground, Chair of DEI Committee.

Passed by Committee: April 17, 2022
Passed by ASUM Senate: April 20, 2022


Elizabeth Bowles,
Chair of Relations and Affairs


Mary Melissa Glueckert, Chair of the Senate

