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ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Removing Dilatory
Language for Reserved Seats**

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Article V, Section 11 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and**
3 **Removing Dilatory Language for Reserved Seats**

4 **February 2, 2022**

5 **SB74-21/22**

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

10 Whereas, ASUM relies on the Bylaws in order to conduct fair and equitable elections;

11 Whereas, The current Bylaws regarding elections can be confusing for Members running in an
12 election, are repetitive, and contain dilatory language;

13 Whereas, In an effort to ensure accessibility for Members running in elections, these Bylaws
14 required immense restructuring, rewording, general clarification, and revision;

15 Whereas, Section 11 in Article V currently outlines eligibility for the two reserved seats on
16 Senate;

17 Whereas, Article V, Section 11 of the Bylaws currently states:

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- 19 (1) *Reservation of Senate seats for a certain constituency must first be*
20 *approved by a majority of the voting student body via ballot referendum.*
21 *Eligibility for reserved seats shall be verified by the ASUM Office*
22 *Manager during the counting process.*
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- 24 (2) *Candidates running for the Graduate Student seat must be enrolled in the*
25 *Graduate School during the election in which they are running or be*
26 *enrolled in the Graduate School for the year following the election.*
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- 28 (3) *Candidates running for the Missoula College Student seat must be*
29 *enrolled in the Missoula College for the year following the election.;*

30 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article V, Section 11 of the Bylaws is amended to state:

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- 32 (1) *Reservation of Senate seats for a certain constituency must first be*
33 *approved by a majority of the voting student body via ballot referendum.*
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- 35 (2) *Eligibility for reserved seats shall be verified by the ASUM Office*
36 *Manager during the counting process.*
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- 38 (3) *Candidates running for the Graduate Student seat must be: (a) enrolled*
39 *in Graduate School or other professional programs during the election*
40 *year in which they are running and will continue enrollment in the year*


47 *following the election; or (b) will begin enrollment in the Graduate*
48 *School for in the year following the election.*


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50 (4) *Candidates running for the Missoula College Student seat must be*
51 *enrolled in the Missoula College for the year following the election.;*
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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Alex Berna, ASUM
54 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

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57 Passed by Committee: January 30, 2022

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59 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 2, 2022

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63 Elizabeth Bowles,
64 Chair of Relations and Affairs



Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate

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66 Passed Unanimously.