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ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Grievances and Election Committee's
Duties**

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Article V, Section 6 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Grievances and**
3 **Election Committee's Duties**

4 **February 2, 2022**

5 **SB72-21/22**

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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 6 in Article V currently outlines grievances and Elections Committee duties;

16 Whereas, Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws currently states:

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- 18 (1) *Any member who wishes to file a grievance concerning any action*
19 *involved with campaigning or the election, including, but not limited to,*
20 *rules violated by other candidates, voting discrepancies, and other*
21 *procedures may submit a signed grievance to the Elections Committee no*
22 *later than 9:00 a.m. of the second business day following the election*
23 *results being published.*
- 24 (2) *The Elections Committee shall examine the grievance in an executive*
25 *session and decide what action, if any, is warranted. All rulings made by*
26 *the Elections Committee shall be subject to Senate approval by a two-*
27 *thirds (2/3) majority vote.*
- 28 (3) *The Elections Committee may invalidate the results of any election and*
29 *demand a new election, but the Committee must do so before the first*
30 *Senate meeting following the election, and such a motion to invalidate*
31 *must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate*
- 32 (4) *Sanctions include, but are not limited to, censure, the withholding of*
33 *ASUM campaign funding, manual removal of specific campaign materials,*
34 *and disqualification, all of which must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3)*
35 *majority vote of the Senate.;*

36 Whereas, Invalidating an Election is a significant and consequential decision that will affect
37 ASUM greatly;

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48 Whereas, Because the invalidation of an Election is so sizeable, it is important the Elections
49 Committee be in near agreeance on their decision;

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51 Whereas, Most votes regarding the overturning of a decision or other significant decisions
52 require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote in Robert's Rules;


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54 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws be amended to state:

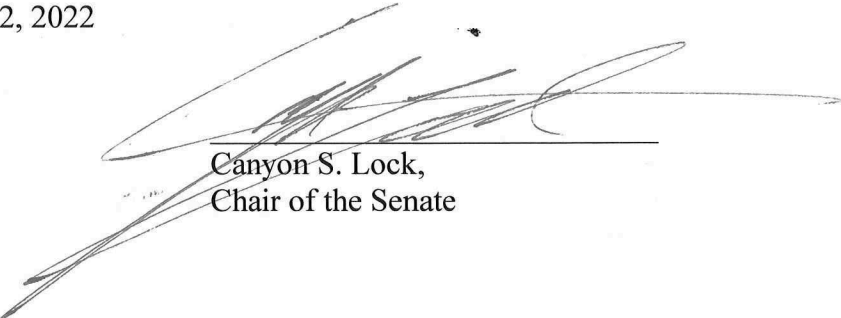
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56 (1) *Any ~~M~~member who wishes to file a grievance concerning any action*
57 *involved with campaigning or the election, including, but not limited to,*
58 *rules violated by other ~~C~~candidates or **Candidate teams**, voting*
59 *discrepancies, and other procedures may submit a signed grievance to the*
60 *Elections Committee no later than 9:00 a.m. of the second business day*
61 *following the election results being published.*
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63 (2) *The Elections Committee shall examine the grievance in an executive*
64 *session and decide what action, if any, is warranted. All rulings made by*
65 *the Elections Committee ~~shall be~~ **are** subject to Senate approval by a two-*
66 *thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote.*
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68 (3) *The Elections Committee may, **by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote**, invalidate*
69 *the results of any election and demand a new election **on the basis the***
70 ***Committee has determined that any actions have compromised the***
71 ***integrity of the election.** ~~but~~ **The** Committee must do so before the first*
72 *Senate meeting following the election, and such a motion to invalidate*
73 *must be approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the Senate.*
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75 (4) *Sanctions include, but are not limited to, censure, the withholding of*
76 *ASUM campaign **reimbursement**, manual removal **or requests for***
77 ***removal** of specific campaign materials, and/or disqualification.*
78 ***Sanctions** must be approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the*
79 *Senate.;*
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81 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Alex Berna, ASUM
82 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

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85 Passed by Committee: January 30, 2022

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87 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 2, 2022

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92 Elizabeth Bowles,
93 Chair of Relations and Affairs

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92 Canyon S. Lock,
93 Chair of the Senate

94 Passed Unanimously.