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1 2 3 4	The Associated Students of the University of Montana Resolution Redefining Third-Party in Article VII, Section 1 (39) of the ASUM Bylaws January 26, 2022 SB64-21/22
5	Authored by: Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Senator; Nicholas Ververis, ASUM Senator;
6 7 8	Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana ("ASUM") is bound by its governing documents;
9 10 11	Whereas, The Senate relies on the Bylaws in order to conduct fair and equitable elections;
12 13	Whereas, The definition for "Third-party" is not sufficient;
14 15 16	Whereas, The 2020-2021 ASUM Senate discussed what constitutes a Third-party ad nauseum during the elections process last year;
17 18	Whereas, The definition for Third-party was amended by the 2020-2021 Senate;
19 20	Whereas, Article VII, Section 1 (39) of the Bylaws states:
21 22 23 24 25	(39) "Third party" means any person or entity who is not a member. An entity that does not clearly represent an individual member is considered a third party. Social media accounts that do not appear to represent a member are considered third parties.
26 27 28	Whereas, This definition is wholly inadequate and prejudicial to online campaigning and adds a degree of ambiguity to the elections process;
29 30 31	Whereas, Social media accounts do not always directly reference an individual member and an investigation by the Elections Committee would be met with difficulty;
32 33 34	Whereas, Clarity in this definition is necessary to provide accessibility to those seeking an elected position on Senate;
35 36 37	Whereas, Organizations, groups, and other parties, whether affiliated or unaffiliated with ASUM, are considered Third-parties for the purposes of ASUM elections;
38 39 40	Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article VII, Section 1 (39) of the Bylaws be amended to state:
41 42 43 44 45 46	(39) "Third-party" means any person or entity who is not a member. An entity that does not clearly represent an individual member is considered a third party. Social media accounts that do not appear to represent a member are considered third parties. This includes an organization, group, account, or party that may be affiliated or unaffiliated with ASUM, that does not represent an individual member.;

47 48	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Alex Berna, ASUM
49	Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.
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52	Passed by Committee: January 23, 2022
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58	Elizabeth Bowles, Canyon S. Lock,
59	Chair of Relations and Affairs Chair of the Senate
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61	Passed Unanimously.