Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the student government at the University of Montana;

Whereas, Senate meetings are conducted according to House Rules according to the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order;

Whereas, House Rules were established and are followed to promote transparency, accountability, and effective governance;

Whereas, Errors and inconsistencies in ASUM governing documents undermine the legitimacy and efficacy of ASUM;

Whereas, Multiple rules in Section 2 of House Rules are repeated;

Whereas, Repetition in House Rules is not required and serves no purpose;

Whereas, The repeated rules in Section 2 are Rules J, Q, R and S and read,

“J. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and Senators currently holding office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

Q. The presiding chair may keep a Speakers List, which shall be a list of members who have requested to be recognized with the floor. If the chair chooses to make such a list they shall observe the following: the member who made the motion that is immediately pending and has not spoken in debate shall have preference over all members; members who have not yet had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question are entitled to it before any member who has spoken; in cases where persons seeking the floor indicate they have opposite opinions on the question and the order has not been determined by the previous qualifications, the chair may alternate between those favoring and those opposing the measure.

R. Quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Executives and Senators currently holding office. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum. This rule may not be suspended.

S. The presiding chair may keep a Speakers List, which shall be a list of members who have requested to be recognized with the floor. If the chair chooses to make such a list they shall observe the following: the member who made the motion that is immediately pending and has not spoken in debate shall have preference over all members; members who have not yet had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question are entitled to it before any member who has spoken; in cases where persons seeking the floor indicate they have opposite opinions on the question and the order has not been
determined by the previous qualifications, the chair may alternate between those favoring and those opposing the meas.”; 

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That rules R and S be struck from Section 2 of House Rules.

Passed by Committee: ___________________________, 2019

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Ethan Hanley, Mariah Welch,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee Chair of the Senate