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

Whereas, ASUM represents all students at the University of Montana, Missoula College, Bitterroot College, West Campus, and in the distant learning program;

Whereas, ASUM has difficulty reaching students at Missoula College, Bitterroot College, West Campus, and in the distant learning program;

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

Whereas, ASUM is dedicated to the values of transparency and accountability;

Whereas, House Rules currently does not require Senate meetings to be digitally recorded;

Whereas, Digitally recording meetings would improve accessibility and student access to their student government;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That House Rules be amended to read the following:

B. Unless the Senate Chair, in coordination with ASUM Legal Services, determines the individual’s right to privacy outweighs the public’s right to know, all ASUM meetings, including Final Budgeting, must be digitally recorded.

1. All video and audio recordings must be uploaded to the platforms and social media the Senate deems necessary and appropriate.

2. All meetings must be live-streamed, and all individuals watching the live-stream must be given a chance to have their comments or questions read during Public Comment. Individuals who submit questions must submit those questions into a form during the Public Comment period.

3. The following statement must be added to the bottom of the meeting agenda every week: “These proceedings are digitally recorded and live-streamed. Please see the ASUM Vice President with any concerns.”

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That House Rules lettering be altered to reflect these changes.

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