The Associated Students of the University of Montana

Resolution to Update House Rules[1]

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) exists to advance student interests and resolve student issues;

Whereas, The current order of the agenda has not allowed a space for discussion regarding time-sensitive issues or issues that arise during the meeting;

Whereas, The current order of the agenda does not provide an opportunity for Senators to seek input from the entire body regarding issues that arise on campus prior to a resolution being presented;

Whereas, Any resolutions regarding issues that may be brought up in public comments or the Senate meeting must be submitted to the Vice President by the following Thursday at noon;

Whereas, Section 2, Subsection A in the ASUM House Rules reads:

“1. All formal motions and written resolutions shall be initially submitted during “New Business”. All completed resolutions shall be directed to the appropriate committee and its chair-person by the ASUM Vice President within 24 hours of its proposal”

Whereas, The current deadline outlined in the House Rules creates a difficulty in presenting new and timely resolutions to be discussed in the following Senate meeting;

Whereas, The system by which previous Senates operated meetings may be re-examined to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the current Senate;

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That a new section be added to the Senate agenda between “Committee Updates” and “Unfinished Business” titled “Campus Affairs”;

Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, That the intended purpose of this new section is to provide a time for the Senate to discuss as a body issues that have not been written as resolutions;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the House Rules, Section 2, Subsection A read:

“1. All formal motions and written resolutions shall be initially submitted during “New Business”. All completed resolutions shall be directed to the appropriate committee and its chair-person by the ASUM Vice President within 48 hours of its proposal. All completed resolutions must be sent to the ASUM Vice President by the Friday following Senate by Noon”;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the purpose of the aforementioned amendment is to allow time for Senators to write and polish resolutions that are presented in new business;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Megan Stark, Advisor to the Associated Students of the University of Montana; John DeBoer, Advisor to the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

Passed by Committee: __________________________, 2017

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Connor Fitzpatrick,  
Relations and Affairs Chair

Brenna Love,  
Chair of the Senate