Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its Bylaws;

Whereas, The North American river otter is a semiaquatic mammal endemic to the North American continent found in and along its waterways and coasts;

Whereas, The Sustainability Board is responsible for leading efforts on behalf of ASUM in pursuing ambitious goals pertaining to sustainability;

Whereas, Sustainability issues are diverse and widespread across various departments throughout the University of Montana;

Whereas, Sustainability issues are consistently a top priority among the university’s passionate student body and the community at large;

Whereas, A statement of purpose would incentivize future board members to identify specific and tangible goals to achieve each year;

Whereas, Identifying long-term goals would be beneficial for sustaining momentum on ongoing Sustainability Board projects worked on by previous board members;

Whereas, Further defining the relationship between the ASUM Sustainability Center and the Sustainability board would encourage further collaboration between the two bodies;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article IV, Section 20 of ASUM Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Section 20. Sustainability Board

A. The Board shall be composed of nine (9) voting members who shall be recommended for appointment by the ASUM Vice President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Of the nine (9) Board members appointed by ASUM, three (3) shall be members of the ASUM Senate, three (3) shall be students-at-large, each serving a one-year term, and the remaining three (3) members shall be either ASUM Senators or students-at-large with students-at-large receiving priority, each serving a one-year term. The ASUM Sustainability Coordinator shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board. An ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.

B. The Board shall meet a minimum of one (1) time per month during the academic year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by two (2) or more members. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Board.
C. The Chair shall act for the Board in its absence, subject to its review.

D. Duties and functions of the Sustainability Board shall include:

1. Annually creating a statement of purpose, including a series of tangible goals for each semester;
2. Annually reviewing and revising long-term goals;
3. Ensuring that student (ASUM) interests are considered in creating policies and projects;
4. Working with the Student Political Action committee during legislative years on legislation related to sustainability;
5. Promoting sustainability education across campus.

E. The ASUM Sustainability Board shall serve as an advisory board to the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, providing guidance and supervision, and in this capacity shall:

1. Annually review the ASUM Sustainability Center’s operating budget;
2. Approve expenditures of $200.00 or more from the budget;
3. Ensure that student (ASUM) interests are considered in creating policies and projects within the ASUM Sustainability Center by helping the Sustainability Coordinator decide on these matters;
4. In collaboration with the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, develop short-term (one-year) education and outreach plans for the Sustainability Center;
5. In consultation with the ASUM Administration and the Sustainability Coordinator, create long-range planning goals and explore funding sources for the ASUM Sustainability Center.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that the North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) become the official mascot of ASUM’s Sustainability Board.

Passed by Committee: ______________________________, 2017

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Kaden Harrison                                      Elizabeth Engebretson,
Chair of Sustainability Board                      Chair of the Senate

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