

ASMSU 2017-B-03

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Sections: 7-1 through 7-12

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 ASMSU President
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Intent: To update the Elections Rules

1 Section 7-1 **Elections Authority**

2 A. Authority of all elections shall be vested in the ~~Elections Committee.~~ Judicial Council in
 3 consultation with the Elections Director.

4 Section 7-2 **Policies and Procedures**

5 A. The Elections Policies and Procedures Manual

6 1. The policies and procedures of ASMSU elections shall be contained in the elections Policies
 7 and Procedures Manual.

8 B. Amending Policies and Procedures

9 1. The President ~~or President's delegate~~ shall have the responsibility of editing and updating the
 10 Elections Policies and procedures manual as needed.

11 2. Any changes to the Elections Policies and Procedures Manual shall be subject to a majority
 12 approval by the Senate.

13 Section 7-3 **Candidacy**

14 A. Eligibility

15 ~~All candidates, declared and write in shall meet the following requirements to be considered~~
 16 ~~eligible for election:~~

17 ~~1. Be an ASMSU Member as defined in the ASMSU Constitution.~~

18 ~~2. Candidates shall be notified of their eligibility for candidacy within three days following the~~
 19 ~~filing deadline.~~

20 1. All candidates shall be ASMSU members as defined in the Constitution.

21 2. Students must be enrolled in a major in the college for which they are holding candidacy.

- 1 3. Any student enrolled in a major in more than one college shall be eligible to represent the
- 2 students of the colleges in which they are enrolled.
- 3 4. Candidates shall be notified of their eligibility for candidacy within three school days following
- 4 the filing deadline.

5 Section 7-4 **Write-in Candidates**

- 6 A. Write-in candidates ~~will~~ shall be governed by the ~~same rules as declared candidates as defined in~~
- 7 the Elections Policies and Procedures Manual.

8 Section 7-5 **Elections Schedule**

9 A. Primary Election

- 10 1. A primary election ~~will~~ shall be held for the ~~president~~ President and ~~vice president~~ Vice
- 11 President ticket if more than two tickets have applied for and are eligible for candidacy.
- 12 2. No primary election ~~will~~ shall be held for Senate candidates.
- 13 3. The ~~primary election~~ Primary Election will occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday two weeks
- 14 prior to the ~~general election~~ General Election.

15 B. General Elections

- 16 1. General Elections shall be held annually on the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the
- 17 penultimate meeting of the outgoing ~~ASMSU~~ Senate.

1 Section 7-6 **Voting**

- 2 A. ~~All MSU-Bozeman students, as defined in the Constitution,~~ may vote in ASMSU elections.
 3 B. Students may vote only for ~~Senators~~ senators of the college in which they are enrolled, At-Large
 4 positions, Executive positions, and ballot measures.
 5 ~~C. All students may vote for candidates of At-Large positions, Executive positions, and all ballot~~
 6 ~~measures.~~

7 Section 7-7 **Campaigning**

- 8 A. Campaigning shall be defined as the use of any written or verbal presentation in the name of any
 9 candidate or ballot measure.
 10 B. All candidates and sponsors of ballot measures shall not break any University, local, state, or
 11 federal laws, ordinances, rules or regulations while campaigning.
 12 C. No candidate shall use ASMSU ~~positions,~~ funds, time, equipment or supplies to aid in their
 13 campaigning.

14 Section 7-8 **Concurrent Terms**

- 15 A. No person may hold candidacy for ASMSU elected offices which have concurrent terms.

16 Section 7-9 **Results**

- 17 A. All election results shall be posted and made public within 2 days following the election.

18 Section 7-10 **Special Elections**

- 19 A. Special elections shall be ~~elections called for by the proper authority, as designated in the ASMSU~~
 20 ~~Constitution, for the purposes other than the election of officers or for the purpose of a run-off~~
 21 election.
 22 B. Special elections shall be held when considered necessary by a majority vote of the ASMSU
 23 Senate or as a result of a valid student initiative.

24 Section 7-11 **Senate Districts**

- 25 A. The ASMSU Senate shall be composed of twenty-one student senators representing each of the
 26 Academic Colleges with the exception of the ~~College of Graduate Studies, the Division of~~
 27 ~~Graduate Education, Graduate School, Honors College,~~ and Gallatin College.

1 ~~1. The College of Graduate Studies will be considered as part of the College of EHHD for~~
 2 ~~purposes of allocation of Senate Seats.~~

3 ~~B. Senators shall be elected by and represent either the students at large or the students of the~~
 4 ~~college in which they are enrolled. Any student enrolled in more than one college shall be eligible~~
 5 ~~to represent the students of any of the colleges in which the student is enrolled.~~

6 Section 7-12 Allocation of Senate Seats

7 A. Using data from the Office of the Registrar, seats ~~will~~ shall be allocated to each college based on
 8 the number of students, undergraduate and graduate, enrolled in that college.

9 B. The allocation process ~~will be~~ shall occur as follows:

10 1. The number of students in each college ~~will~~ shall be divided by the total number of students
 11 enrolled at MSU

12 2. The proportions ~~will~~ shall then be multiplied by 18

13 3. The product of the multiplications ~~will~~ shall be rounded to the nearest integer value using
 14 normal rounding practices. This result ~~will~~ shall be the allocation to each college.

15 4. The total number of seats allocated previously ~~will~~ shall be subtracted from 21. The result of
 16 the subtraction ~~will~~ shall be the number of at-large seats.

17 C. Each college ~~will~~ eligible district shall be guaranteed a minimum of one seat, ~~as long as at least 25~~
 18 ~~percent of the students in that college are eligible to vote in ASMSU elections.~~ The allocation
 19 process may be modified in order to accommodate this requirement.

20 D. Reallocation of seats ~~will~~ shall take place in the spring of every ~~odd~~ year prior to the start of the
 21 election cycle using the enrollment headcount of the previous fall. The Senate ~~President~~ Speaker
 22 and the Elections Director ~~will~~ shall work together to ensure that seats are allocated according to
 23 the Bylaws.

24 E. In the event that there are fewer candidates than available seats for any given position, the filing
 25 deadline for that position ~~will~~ shall be extended by three academic days. Any seats that cannot be
 26 filled in this time ~~will~~ shall become At-Large positions for that election only. If there are too few
 27 At-Large candidates for the resulting number of At-Large seats, the ASMSU Senate ~~will~~ shall
 28 appoint the appropriate number of At-Large senators within three regularly scheduled meetings
 29 following the election.

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