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Resolution Regarding Board of Regents AIDS Policy 1908

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Whereas, Montana Board of Regents (BOR) Policy 1908 appears to be a reactionary policy written at the height of the AIDS crisis;

Whereas, BOR Policy 1908 seems to not be based in current scientific fact;

Whereas, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is almost always transmitted sexually, through the sharing of needles or rarely through direct exposure to another person’s blood;

Whereas, it is unlikely that there will ever be a significant risk of transmitting HIV in a school setting during approved university activities;

Whereas, the outdated and offensive language and assumptions of this policy further propagates stigma against individuals who are infected with HIV;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) urge the BOR to remove Policy 1908.

Therefore, Let It Be Ordered, that the ASUM Executives ensure that a copy of this resolution is sent to the members of the Montana Board of Regents, the Montana Associated Students, and The Associated Students of Montana State University.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________, 2013

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