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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Changing Finals Week
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, The placement of finals week directly affects students and student travel;

Whereas, The University of Montana has changed the placement of finals week in December multiple times over the past few years;

Whereas, For academic year 2016, the administration split finals week between two weeks, presumably to allow students more study time over the weekend;

Whereas, Next year, the administration has scheduled finals week to start Thursday, December 14 and end Wednesday, December 20, 2017;

Whereas, This change has been viewed by the student body as a move which merely prolongs finals week, and the associated stress that comes with it;

Whereas, Finals week has been on a Monday through Friday schedule since at least Fall 2009.

Whereas, From Fall 2009 to Fall 2015, there has been at least a one week gap between the end of finals week and Christmas;

Whereas, During Fall semester 2016-2017 there were only four days between the end of finals week and Christmas;

Whereas, Traveling this close to Christmas is necessarily more expensive, and thus places a greater financial burden on students, especially those already paying out of state tuition, and those accruing debt acquiring their degrees;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the administration of the University of Montana to limit finals week to one week, lasting Monday to Friday;
Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved that ASUM also encourages the administration of the University of Montana to consider student travel expenses when scheduling finals week in the future;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and interim President Sheila Stearns.

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