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SB92-16/17: Resolution for Reinstitution of Outdoor Public Bulletin Boards (Kiosks)

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Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and serves the welfare and interests of the student body at large;

Whereas, the facilitation of public speech and expression are of paramount importance to the intellectual, commercial, and cultural interests of our campus community;

Whereas, outdoor public bulletin board kiosks specifically located on the Oval, near Urey Lecture Hall, and southeast of the University Theater have enabled our campus community to communicate events, opportunities, and ideas in highly visual, high-traffic environments for many years;

Whereas, the Facilities Services Policies Procedure under Article III, Section B specifically mentions these kiosks and their locations;

Whereas, these kiosks were in increasing disrepair and designed in such a way that the wind often shed postings from their surfaces and contributed to campus-wide litter;

Whereas, recently Facilities Services made the decision to remove these structures without having the budget to replace them on the basis that they were visually unappealing and creating an intolerable burden of cleanup;

Whereas, many students and associated members of the University have no other appropriate or effective avenue for general communications on this campus aside from these kiosks;

Whereas, the existence of various public bulletin boards within various campus buildings cannot meet this need due to their lack of general visibility, varying subject restrictions, and lack of communication capacity and efficiency;

Whereas, the continued absence of these kiosks would gravely hinder many meaningful campus communications and invalidate portions of University Policy;

Whereas, it is within the direct interests of the campus community’s communication to replace these kiosks and improve their functionality;

Whereas, it is within the direct interests of Facilities Services to maintain a clean and orderly campus with the utmost efficiency;

Whereas, this is an excellent opportunity for ASUM to contribute to the campus in a highly visual manner while serving a great utility for both its membership and Facilities Services;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM seeks to redesign the structure of the kiosks to increase the surface area, visibility, ASUM marketing, and protection from the elements in a style both visually appealing and befitting the campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM intends to replace one or more of the kiosks at or near their original locations in a manner that will maximize their accessibility and visibility on campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM will introduce a future Resolution affecting its governing documents to create a permanent weekly maintenance and cleanup schedule for any ASUM kiosks now and in the future;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM will accept the responsibility of payment for ASUM kiosks such as the costs of design, construction, regulatory requirements, repairs, and maintenance and endeavor to reasonably minimize the present and future costs to Facilities Services resulting from ASUM kiosks;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to John Grasso, Associate Director of Campus Maintenance; Kevin Krebsbach, Director of Facilities Services; Shelia Stearns, Interim President of the University of Montana; and Michael Reid, Vice President of Administration and Finance;

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