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The Associated Students of The University of Montana  
Resolution Regarding The Smart Buildings Initiative  
January 29, 2014  
SB54-13/14  
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Whereas, in 2010, University of Montana (UM) President George Dennison signed the UM climate action plan which specified that the university would be 10% below 2007 levels by 2015 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2020;  

Whereas, a student led initiative known as the Smart Buildings Initiative was endorsed by The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM), The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) and The Montana Associated Students (MAS);  

Whereas, the Smart Buildings Initiative was endorsed and adopted by The Montana University System (MUS);  

Whereas, the Smart Buildings Initiative dictates that savings, from retro commissioning university buildings with energy upgrades, be reinvested in more energy savings projects;  

Whereas, Montana state architecture and engineering has allocated a total of $510,000 from state Long Range Building Plan funds, these finds do not require repayment and are not considered debt;  

Whereas, University of Montana Facility Services and Montana State Architecture and Engineering have identified the following projects to be completed with above specified funds;  

- Music Recital Hall lighting: $90,000  
- Dennison Theatre Lighting: $80,000  
- Skaggs HVAC Repairs: $50,000  
- New Heating Plant Condensate Pumps: $50,000  
- Retro-Commission Science Buildings: $240,000  
  (Health Sciences, Chemistry, Clapp & Skaggs)  

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana supports these projects beginning as soon as possible;  

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that all monetary savings resulting from above stated projects be reinvested in future energy savings project as called for in the Smart Buildings Initiative;  

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to: President Royce Engstrom, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Reid, Director of the Office of Sustainability Cherie Peacock, Director of Facilities Services Hugh Jesse, Director of the Office of Sustainability Cherie Peacock, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke, Energy
Manager Brian Kerns, UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technologies, and UM Climate Action Now.

Passed by Committee: January 27, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________, 2014

Jan Roddy, Mariah Williams,
Relations and Affairs Chair Chair of the Senate