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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution in Support of Real Food Campus Commitment
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) represents the diverse interests of students at The University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, ASUM supports a healthy and sustainable campus where students are able to make healthy decisions;

Whereas, The University of Montana taking part in campus commitments and challenges keeps the campus moving in a positive direction and keeps administration accountable to the changes they commit to making;

Whereas, a university that undertakes large and public commitments and goals that are student driven is presumably more active and involved in student ideas, which can increase prospective student interest;

Whereas, the Real Food Campus Commitment requires UM to meet the following criteria by 2020:

1. Commit to annually increasing procurement of ‘real food’—defined as local/community-based, fair, ecologically, sound, and/or humane by the Real Food Calculator—so as to meet or exceed 20% of food purchases by 2020.

2. Commit to establishing a transparent reporting system, including the Real Food Calculator, to assess food procurement and commit to compiling these assessment results in an annual progress report.

3. Commit to forming a food systems working group (comprised of students, staff, faculty, food service managers, food service workers and relevant local stakeholders) responsible for developing and coordinating the implementation of an official real food policy and multi-year action plan.

4. Commit to making the real food policy, multi-year action plan and annual progress reports publicly available online and through the Real Food Challenge.

5. Commit to increasing awareness about ecologically sustainable, humane and socially equitable food systems on campus through co-curricular activities, cafeteria-based education and other appropriate means.
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM recognizes the benefits of committing to the Real Food Campus Commitment;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests the Office of the President and UM Dining Services join ASUM in signing this Commitment;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Royce Engstrom, Director of Dining Services Marc LoParco, UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technologies, and UM Climate Action Now.

Passed by Committee: _______________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: _______________________, 2013

Jan Roddy,                   Mariah Williams,
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