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1                                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2   **Resolution Regarding Budget Cuts**  
3   **December 4, 2013**  
4   **SB46-13/14**

5                                   **Authored by: Erik Lillquist, ASUM Senator**  
6                                   **Sponsored by: Chase Ellinger, Student at Large**  
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8   Whereas, a shortfall in projected enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year has resulted in  
9   a budget deficit of \$6.2 million for The University of Montana (UM);

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11   Whereas, because of this \$6.2 million shortfall for fiscal year 2014, \$3.1 million will be  
12   cut from the Spring 2014 budget;

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14   Whereas, some of these cuts will likely come from student instruction;

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16   Whereas, a strong and dynamic faculty and robust curriculum are necessary for the  
17   continued success of UM;

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19   Whereas, on November 13, 2013 certain faculty held a forum at which they demanded  
20   cuts be made to “administrative pork” and pay, and a freeze on new administrative hires  
21   be implemented;

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23   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of  
24   Montana (ASUM) fully supports free speech and open dialogue but believes that hurtful  
25   and damaging statements degrade the campus environment at UM:

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27   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM believes that upset faculty members  
28   should attempt to work constructively with UM students and administration;

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30   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM believes that administrative budgets should be  
31   cut in greater proportion to their overall size in comparison to cuts to instruction;

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33   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages public substantiation of  
34   claims regarding the impacts of budget shortfalls on class offerings;

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36   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
37   following: Royce Engstrom, President of UM; Mike Reid, VP of Budget and Finance;  
38   Mehrdad Kia, Professor of History; and Perry Brown, Provost;

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40   Passed by Committee: December 2, 2013

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42   Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4, 2013

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46   Jan Roddy,  
    Relations and Affairs Chair

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46   Mariah Williams,  
    Chair of the Senate