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Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Bus Purchase

December 4, 2013

SB51-13/14

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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation (ASUM OT) has prioritized replacing busses by purchasing new ones for several years;

Whereas, ASUM OT has received a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for $85,000 to purchase a new bus;

Whereas, ASUM OT receives Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC); funding from the Federal Government through the University of Montana’s partnership with Mountain Line totaling $38,000;

Whereas, The University of Montana and Mountain Line are currently negotiating the new STIC contract, which, when completed, will allot ASUM OT an additional $86,855 from STIC;

Whereas, STIC funding and the DEQ grants amount to $210,382 that ASUM OT allocated for the purchase of a new bus;

Whereas, a bus costs $385,000;

Whereas, Article 4, Section 13, Subsection E, Clause 3 of the ASUM bylaws describes the duties and functions of the Transportation Board and states:

“3. Submitting to approval to the ASUM Senate any project which a) amount s to 6% or more of the annual ASUM OT budget, and b) is approved in committee by anything less than a unanimous decision of all members present”

Whereas, ASUM OT will be forced to spend $174,618 to match the grant funding, amounting to more than 6% of ASUM OT’s annual budget which is $1,070,000;

Whereas, the ASUM OT Board of Directors unanimously approved this plan at their meeting on November 18, 2013;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the ASUM Senate authorizes the ASUM OT Board of Directors to match the grant funding in order to purchase a new bus.
Passed by Committee: December 2, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4, 2013

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