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Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Board of Regents Non-Discrimination Policy 703
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SB17-12/13

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Whereas, Board of Regents (BOR) Policy 703 does not protect a significant portion of its constituency;

Whereas, the intentions expressed in BOR Policy 703 are to protect all persons who may fall victim to discrimination;

Whereas, individuals whose gender identity and sexual orientation or preference differs from the normative are not protected by the aforementioned policy;

Whereas, all constituencies of the Montana Board of Regents should have “the right to be free from discrimination;”

Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents public non-discrimination policy needs to insure the equality of the LGBTQAI community;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of Montana State University and The Associated Students of The University of Montana propose an addition of gender identity and sexual orientation or preference to Montana Board of Regents Policy 703 in order to protect all constituencies from acts of discrimination;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Brian Schweitzer of the State of Montana; Commissioner Clayton Christian; the seven (7) members of the Montana Board of Regents; Dr. Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University; Dr. Royce Engstrom, President of The University of Montana; and local campus and municipal media markets.

Passed by Committee: _________________, 2012

Passed by ASUM Senate: _________________, 2012
Damara Simpson, Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors, Chair of the Senate