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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Student Generated Fees
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SB63-12/13
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Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents policy 940.12.1 concerning Tuition and Fee Approval states “Approval of a schedule of tuition and fees will take place once every two years; normally during the May meeting of odd numbered years;”,

Whereas, elected student government leaders have one year terms to accomplish their goals;

Whereas, the authority of elected student leaders to effectively meet the needs of their current constituencies is limited by policy 940.12.1;

Whereas, elected student government leaders remain diligent in their attention to cost of attendance and quality of provided services;

Whereas, elected student government leaders, in an effort to keep consistent the quality of services, may deem necessary the creation of a new student fee or an increase of an existing student fee on years in which tuition and fees are not reviewed by the Montana Board of Regents;

Whereas, the May 2012 reviews of The University of Montana Student Group Fee, MontPIRG Fee, and the Montana State University Exponent Fee stand as examples of the disparity between policy 940.12.1 and the capacity of elected student leaders to meet students’ needs.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana support amending Montana Board of Regents policy 940.12.1 Tuition and Fee Approval to include “Student generated fees will be considered annually at the May Board of Regents’ meeting. A student generated fee shall be defined as any fee that the associated students of a Montana University System campus has authority to enact and disperse according to their governing documents.”

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Commissioner Clay Christian, Montana University System; Chair Angela McLean, Montana Board of Regents; Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson, Montana University System; and President Charlie Brown, Montana Associated Students.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2013

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