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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding City Council
October 5, 2011
Senate Bill SB6-11/12
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Whereas, it is the primary duty of The Associated Students of The University of Montana
student government to serve as an advocate for the general welfare of the students to the
community at large;

Whereas, the Missoula City Council exists “to conduct the people's business in an open,
mindful, and fair manner by listening to all parties interested in the issue”;

Whereas, all Missoula City Council is “open to the public in accordance with 2-3-203
Montana Code Annotated (MCA)”;

Whereas, it is necessary for the health of The University of Montana Student Body to
both understand, fully become more knowledgeable of, and participate in the
issues pertaining to governance of the City of Missoula;

Whereas, the decisions made by the Missoula City Council can, and do, have a direct
impact upon the lives and welfare of The University of Montana Student Body;

Whereas, several organizations, such as The Missoulian and Montana Women Vote,
currently have non-formal observers at City Council meetings in order to understand and
be informed of City Council decisions and issues;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Executives and the Student Political Action
Committee, and the Interview Committee will work to create investigate the plausibility
of creating an ASUM City Council Observer student internship;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM President is instructed to begin
talks with the Missoula City Council to create an official ASUM City Council Observer
position within the City Council;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the proposed City Council Observer will be
responsible for reading the minutes of every regular City Council meeting prior to their
regular meetings on the first, second, and fourth Monday of every month, and attending
the regular City Council meetings on the first, second, and fourth Monday of every
month;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the proposed ASUM City Council Observer shall report back to the Student Political Action Committee and the ASUM Senate at their weekly meetings;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate and Executives will instruct the ASUM City Council Observer to speak on behalf of ASUM during the City Council’s Public Comment if so instructed required.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Executives and Student Political Action Committee will report their recommendations to the Senate for approval.

Passed by Committee;_________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki  Jeffrey Edmunds
Relations and Affairs Chair  Chair of the Senate