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Whereas, ASUM views student involvement as a top priority for the 2011-2012 school year;

Whereas, ASUM works to empower student groups and support them in their initiatives;

Whereas, UM Climate Action Now (UM CAN) is partnering with other student groups from across the state to hold a Rocky Mountain Power Shift leadership training conference to teach young people throughout the region how to become effective leaders and organizers in their respective communities;

Whereas, sustainability initiatives have had strong support from the student body, faculty and administration, the ASUM Sustainability Committee, and the UM Sustainable Campus Committee;

Whereas, hosting the Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference at UM creates unique outreach and leadership training opportunities for all students, regardless of political beliefs, and coincides with UM's Carbon Neutrality Goal by 2020;

Whereas, President Engstrom has expressed direct interest and support in hosting a leadership training conference centered on sustainability issues,

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana endorses the work UM CAN, the Montana Environmental Student Alliance (MESA), the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UMFLAT), and other student groups across the state are doing to plan the Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate officially requests that President Gursky draft a letter of support of the Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference for use by the conference organizers for gathering greater support.

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Travis Suzuki,                Jeffrey Edmunds,
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