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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Preference
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Senate Bill SB18-11/12

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Whereas, University of Montana students register for classes through ‘Cyberbear’;

Whereas, The University of Montana continually strives to promote diversity and support all campus community members;

Whereas, The University of Montana’s ‘Cyberbear’ currently does not have a method to denote a students preferred name and gender;

Whereas, the lack of an option for a student to input a preferred name and gender when registering for classes can create uncomfortable and alienating situations and environments for some students;

Whereas, University of Montana students have explained how the lack of ‘preference options’ has contributed to instances of awkward and humiliating situations;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) supports the efforts of the University Center Diversity Programs Director and other members of The University who are working toward the implementation of preferred name and gender options on Banner, or to work towards addressing an effective means to remedy the current situation.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana encourages the University Web Committee, members of the Registrar’s Office, UM Allies, and employees from The University of Montana Information Technology department to investigate implementing preferred name and gender options for students on all non-legal registrations, communications and University correspondence.

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