SB33-11/12: Energy Efficiency and Conservation of Existing UM Buildings

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Whereas, President George M. Dennison signed the American College and University
Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007, committing The University of Montana to
develop an institutional climate action plan to become climate neutral;

Whereas, The University of Montana’s 2010 Climate Action Plan sets forth the ambitious
goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2020;

Whereas, the Climate Action Plan estimates an energy efficient campus could save
$800,000 annually and 12,000 MTeCO₂ (metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) per
year, or 20% of UM’s total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

Whereas, energy efficiency and conservation in existing buildings is identified in the
Climate Action Plan as among the most financially feasible GHG reduction strategies
with projected cost savings;

Whereas, energy efficiency and lighting upgrades over the last two years resulted in an
estimated annual energy cost savings of $350,000 and 2,500 MTeCO₂;

Whereas, there are over 50 large buildings on campus, most of which have not had recent
energy efficiency upgrades;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of
Montana (ASUM) calls for investment in energy efficiency and conservation
improvements to all 50 large buildings on campus as the next action in furtherance of
energy cost savings and eventual carbon neutrality.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM supports the Sustainable Campus
Committee in its advocacy on behalf of the University’s Climate Action Plan.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to
University of Montana President Royce C. Engstrom and other necessary parties.
Passed by Committee: ________________________, 2012

Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________, 2012

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