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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Energy Efficiency**
3 **and Conservation of Existing UM Buildings**

4 **February 8, 2012**

5 **Senate Bill Number: SB33-11/12**

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10 **Asa Hohman, ASUM Senator and the ASUM Sustainability Oversight Committee**

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

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

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20 Whereas, the Climate Action Plan estimates an energy efficient campus could save
21 \$800,000 annually and 12,000 MTeCO₂ (metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) per
22 year, or 20% of UM’s total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

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

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

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

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

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

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to
43 University of Montana President Royce C. Engstrom and other necessary parties.

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47 Passed by Committee: _____, 2012

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2012

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Travis Suzuki,
57 Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeffrey Edmunds,
Chair of the Senate