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1                                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Amending ASUM Constitution**  
3                                   **March 14, 2012**  
4                                   **Senate Bill SB40-11/12**  
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9       Whereas, the current Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM)  
10       election rules allow any entity to use its election process to assess student fees whether  
11       they are connected to The University or a completely separate entity;

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13       Whereas, a non-University entity is defined as a group or organization which is not in any  
14       way directly affiliated with The University of Montana or ASUM;

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16       Whereas, ASUM is the organization entrusted with representing the student voice;

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18       Whereas, ASUM can adjust its rules to ensure their duty of representing students is being  
19       most effectively met;

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21       Whereas, ASUM desires to control its own election process to make sure student fees are  
22       being fairly and efficiently assessed;

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24       Whereas, the cost of attendance at The University of Montana can range in cost between  
25       \$2,860.85 and \$10,744.25, not factoring in the cost of food or housing;

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27       Whereas, the stated goals of any non-University entity may not be supported by portions  
28       of the student body;

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30       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Article 10, Constitutional Referendum, be amended to  
31       include Section 3, which shall state:

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33       “There are three types of student fees that can be levied by referenda.

- 34               a. Mandatory/All students pay  
35               b. Student must opt-in at registration  
36               c. Student can opt-out after registration

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38       Only the ASUM Senate, ASUM Agencies, recognized student groups, or The University  
39       of Montana can institute a mandatory or opt-out fee structure.

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41       All other groups are limited to an opt-in fee structure, where a student may decide upon  
42       registration whether or not to pay the fee.”

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44       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that this amendment can only go into effect  
45       pending a positive vote in the April election.  
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48 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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Travis Suzuki,  
57 Relations and Affairs Chair

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Jeff Edmunds,  
Chair of the Senate