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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Protected Senate Seats**
3 **March 14, 2012**

4 **Senate Bill Number: SB42-11/12**

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11 Whereas, The Associated Student of The University of Montana (ASUM) is the organization
12 entrusted with representing the student voice;

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14 Whereas, the larger campus body is adequately represented by the diversity of the senate body;

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16 Whereas, College of Technology and graduate students have a smaller representative body and
17 have traditionally found it difficult to be elected at-large;

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19 Whereas, The College of Technology and Graduate students are historically under- represented
20 on the body of Senate;

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22 Whereas, a reserved senate seat for both The College of Technology and any Graduate student
23 constituency would help to ensure the voices of under-represented students;

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25 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the following language be submitted to the April 2012
26 elections:

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28 “The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM), having twenty senate seats
29 available to the student body, ASUM proposes reserving two of these seats for one representative
30 from The College of Technology and one representative for the Graduate student body, the
31 remaining to be voted upon at-large.

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33 Do you support the protection of two senate seats for representatives from The College of
34 Technology and the Graduate student body?

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36 Yes, I support the protection two senate seats for representatives from both The College of
37 Technology and the Graduate student body.

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39 No, I do not support the protection two senate seats for representatives from both The College of
40 Technology and the Graduate student body.”

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43 Passed by Committee: _____, 2012

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46 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2012

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50 Travis Suzuki,
51 Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeffery Edmunds,
Chair of the Senate