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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding KRELf Grant Allocations**
3 **March 28, 2012**

4 **Senate Bill SB47-11/12**

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11 Whereas, as stated in its Bylaws, “the purpose of the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund
12 (KRELf) is to finance projects that promote resource conservation, waste reduction, and
13 environmental awareness projects at The University of Montana (UM)”;

14 Whereas, KRELf is funded through a \$4 per semester optional student Sustainability
15 Fee;

16 Whereas, KRELf has approved \$200,000 to fund energy efficiency and resource
17 conservation projects in the spring 2012 semester;

18 Whereas, the ballot referendum as approved by students made no specific mention of
19 grant vs. loan percentages to be allocated;

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

23 Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate
24 previously passed SB 33-11/12 unanimously, which resolved that “Associated Students
25 of The University of Montana (ASUM) calls for investment in energy efficiency and
26 conservation improvements to all 50 large buildings on campus as the next action in
27 furtherance of energy cost savings and eventual carbon neutrality”;

28 Whereas, the Smart Buildings Initiative is a university system-wide energy efficiency
29 action plan that utilizes and expands existing campus resources, including students,
30 faculty, and staff, in order to identify and implement energy efficiency improvements in
31 the operation of facilities and to capture and retain avoided costs to create a self-
32 sustaining energy efficiency program;

33 Whereas, investing in real-time energy monitoring equipment will help identify future
34 KRELf projects by providing students and staff with access to pre-project and post-
35 project energy consumption data;

36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the KRELf Committee to invest
37 its student dollars in the energy monitoring equipment needed to launch the Smart
38 Buildings Initiative;

39 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages The UM administration to
40 repay student fee investments in energy monitoring equipment with cost savings realized
41 through the implementation of the Smart Buildings Initiative.
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43 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages the KRELf Committee to
44 pursue any committee bylaw change that would allow committee discretion in increasing
45 the percentage of grant allocations available for future projects.
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49 Passed by Committee: _____, 2012

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52 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2012

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60 Travis Suzuki,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeffrey Edmunds,
Chair of the Senate