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## SB50-11/12: University Center Renovation Fee

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1                           **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                           **Resolution Regarding University Center Renovation Fee**  
3   **April 18, 2012**  
4   **Senate Bill Number: SB50-11/12**  
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8   Whereas, students attending the Mountain Campus at The University of Montana pay a \$30 per  
9   semester Renovation Fee that is used to pay the entire annual University Center (UC) Bond  
10   payment;

11   Whereas, the last Renovation Fee increase was approved in Fiscal Year 2003, from \$22 to the  
12   current rate of \$30 to bring in revenue equal to the bond payment;

13   Whereas, enrollment has steadily increased since Fiscal Year 2008, generating excess revenue in  
14   the Renovation Fee account, and building a positive fund balance over \$120,000;

15   Whereas, because the UC bond has been refinanced with other University bond debt to save The  
16   University money, it is not possible to apply any excess revenue generated from the Renovation  
17   Fee to retire the bond debt early;

18   Whereas, the UC has facility maintenance, repair, and renovation needs, the cost of which far  
19   exceed the funding anticipated from the Student Affairs Capital Allocation process as well as the  
20   Major Component Repair and Replacement provision, as outlined in SB50-02/03 (Resolution  
21   Regarding Memo of Understanding with UC);

22   Whereas, the UC has identified facility improvement measures that will reduce energy  
23   consumption of the UC and repair long-standing mechanical issues that will increase the lifespan  
24   of the building while reducing indirect costs associated with poorly designed systems;

25   Whereas, enrollment at the Mountain Campus fluctuates from year to year, and therefore a  
26   contingency balance should be maintained;

27   Therefore Let It Be Resolved, The Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse a  
28   financially responsible process that allows the UC to transfer, at the end of each fiscal year, an  
29   amount equal to 95% of the balance of the Renovation Fee account, after all bond payments for  
30   that year have been made, to the University Center's Repair and Replacement account reviewed  
31   annually by the UC Board, to be used for facility maintenance, repair, renovation, energy  
32   efficiency, and sustainability measures.

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Relations and Affairs Chair

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Jeffrey Edmunds,  
Chair of the Senate