Whereas, multiple Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Senates have worked with the Athletic Department on a student season pass option;

Whereas, individuals from ASUM, Athletics, The Source, Griz Card Services, Business Services, the Adams Center, Griz Tix, the Sports Union, and The University of Montana Administration have been involved in the crafting of this proposal;

Whereas, the student season pass proposal would enable a student to have their Griz Card loaded with tickets to every home game; and that this program would be available to no more than 500 students;

Whereas, the sale of 500 season student season passes, at the rate of 50.00 dollars each, would generate 12,500 dollars to be divided evenly among the ASUM Sports Union teams;

Whereas, the sale of 500 season student season passes, at the rate of 50.00 dollars each, would generate 12,500 dollars to be used by the athletic department specifically for the purposes of hiring a graduate student to work with Athletics as a Student Athlete Academic Support Staff Member;

Whereas, student season pass-holders would be able to be wrist-banded on game day at the Adams Center ticket office and enter the stadium through any gate, thus have the effect of alleviating the crowd at the student gate entrance;

Whereas, by opening the purchasing of a season worth of tickets to 500 students on August 1 would have an effect of alleviating the average home-game ticket purchasing duties of student employees at The Source;

Whereas, student season pass ticket holders will be required to have their fall semester university bill finalized before being able to swipe their card for game access, as do traditionally ticketed students;

Whereas, student season pass-holder seats would be in the student section;

Whereas, this the student season pass option will be made available to no more than 500 students in it’s pilot year, thus maintaining thousands of regular home game tickets for students;

Whereas, a number of students fail to attend Grizzly home games after attaining a ticket, thus preventing other students from being able to attend games when they are sold out;

Whereas, this partnership would allow Athletics to help support all University of Montana Student Athletes;

Whereas, this partnership would allow ASUM to find a dedicated revenue stream to help fund Sports Union teams, whose individual participation costs can be in the amount of thousands of dollars a semester;
Whereas Athletics and the ASUM Sports Union have come out in support of the implementation of this program in a trial year;

Whereas, this opportunity would enable ASUM to approve a pilot project for one year, under the understanding that it must be amended, terminated, or approved to continue in its pilot year form, only following the approval of the Senate in the spring semester following its trial year, and every spring semester while the program is in place;

Whereas this will enable this program to only continue with the approval of the ASUM Senate, to support Athletics goal of continuing to expand academic support services to student-athletes, and is a worthy endeavor as proven through the awarding of the Big Sky Presidents Cup multiple times in recent years;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana endorses the implementation and trial year for a student season pass option;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana reserve the right to pull their support from, thus terminating this program, or amend the program, following its trial year;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this support exists for the program only as it has been presented in the proposal, and that any changes to it following the endorsement of this Senate, will null and void Senate approval;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM must be kept abreast of the program’s success, and any potential changes needed, and that a record for the use of all funds generated from this program be accessible when requested.

Passed by Committee: __________________________, 2012

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