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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding COT West Campus
March 9, 2011
Senate Bill SB22-10/11
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Whereas it is essential that the students of The University of Montana are ensured safety in the learning environment;

Whereas not all of the current welding lab exhaust vents are in a properly working state at The University of Montana College of Technology West Campus;

Whereas the exhaust vents are crucial to preventing the build up of Hexavalent Chromium welding fumes which poses a serious threats to COT students such as increased risks of lung cancer, asthma, nasal septum ulcerations and perforations, skin ulcerations (chrome holes) and allergic and irritant contact dermatitis;

Whereas on February 28, 2006 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issues a new standards related to exposure of hexavalent chromium lowering the permissible exposure limit from 52 to five micrograms due to exposure being so harmful;

Whereas the two ways to extract these harmful fumes from the breathing zone, (a) fume extraction directly on the welding gun or torch and (b) source capture using a dust or fume collection device;

Whereas the COT West Campus currently has a source capturing device but it is currently dysfunctional;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved the Associated Students of The University of Montana advocate the administration of the COT West Campus University of Montana fix the source capturing device to ensure student air quality for students.

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