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SB24-10/11: Swing Dance

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2 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
3 **Resolution Regarding Swing Dance**
4 **March 9, 2011**
5 **Senate Bill SB24-10/11**
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8 Whereas, The HHP department has declared that next semester they are cutting all the social dance
9 classes that have been offered to the UM students for the past 22 years which include (Country
10 Swing, Jitterbug, Salsa, Lindy Hop and Ballroom);

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12 Whereas, cutting these classes would be damaging to the ~~dance~~ *local and campus* community;

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14 Whereas, it has taken 22 years of slow building for the university to be able to have a viable swing
15 club for which students have worked very diligently to create;

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17 Whereas, if the U of M loses these classes students will be forced to pay community rates for dance
18 classes, which are at least four times higher cost for lessons from less qualified instructors, and they
19 will no longer get credit for the classes they take;

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21 Whereas, events such as Swing into Finals and the Forrester's Ball can attest that social dance is vital
22 to the soul of Missoula, and the campus body;

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24 Whereas, it connects students to each other and builds friendships and community;

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26 Whereas, swing dance classes promote a healthy alternative to drugs, alcohol and other forms of
27 recreation that can be destructive by offering a cultural setting where students can enjoy themselves
28 through dance instead of the above and experience tremendous stress relief often much needed in the
29 student life;

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31 Whereas, social dance has been proven to strengthen the mind by building new pathways in the brain
32 and even diminishes risk for developing Alzheimer's later in life;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM)
35 encourages the Health and Human Performance Department to continue their support of the social
36 dance class programs;

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38 Let It Be Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to all necessary parties.
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41 Passed by Committee: _____, 2011

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43 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011
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48 Travis Suzuki,
49 Relations and Affairs

Amanda Stovall,
Chair of the Senate