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2 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
3 **Resolution Regarding Swing Dance**

4 **April 13, 2011**

5 **Senate Bill SB35-10/11**

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7 **Sponsored by: Miranda Carson, ASUM Senator, and Travis Suzuki, ASUM Senator**

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9 Whereas, The School of Theatre and Dance has declared that next semester they are adopting all the
10 social dance classes that have been offered to the UM students for the past 22 years which include
11 (Country Swing, Jitterbug, Salsa, Lindy Hop and Ballroom);
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13 Whereas, if these classes are ever cut, it would be damaging to the dance community;
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15 Whereas, it has taken 22 years of slow building for The University to be able to have a viable swing
16 club for which students have worked very diligently to create;
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18 Whereas, if the U of M loses these classes students will be forced to pay community rates for dance
19 classes, which ~~cost are~~ at least four times higher ~~cost~~ for lessons from less qualified instructors, and
20 they will no longer get credit for the classes they take;
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22 Whereas, events such as Swing into Finals and the Forrester's Ball ~~can~~ attest that social dance is a
23 vital ~~to~~ *part of* the soul of Missoula, and the campus body;
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25 Whereas, it connects students to each other and builds friendships and community;
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27 Whereas, swing dance classes promote a healthy alternative to drugs, alcohol and other forms of
28 recreation that can be destructive by offering a cultural setting where students can enjoy themselves
29 through dance, instead of the above, and experience ~~tremendous~~ stress relief often much needed in
30 the student life;
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32 Whereas, social dance has been proven to strengthen the mind by building new pathways in the brain
33 and even diminishes risk for developing Alzheimer's later in life;
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35 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM)
36 encourages the School of Theatre and Dance and The University of Montana to continue their
37 support of the social dance class programs indefinitely;
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39 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to all necessary
40 parties.
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42 Passed by Committee: _____, 2011
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44 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011
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47 Travis Suzuki,
48 Relations and Affairs Chair

Amanda Stovall,
Chair of the Senate