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## SB42-10/11: Title IX Athletic Fee Increase

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1                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Regarding Title IX Athletic Fee Increase**

3                   **April 27, 2011**

4                   **Senate Bill SB42-10/11**

5                   **Authored by: Travis Suzuki, ASUM Senator, and Katie Mariani, ASUM Senator**

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9       Whereas The University of Montana is ~~currently not in compliance~~ *looking at becoming*  
10 *noncompliant* with ~~the~~ Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 *upon completion of*  
11 *the accreditation process;*

12       Whereas ~~continued~~ noncompliance with Title IX will cost The University of Montana its federal  
13 *funding and would lose its ability to participate and compete in the NCAA;*

14       Whereas there are three prongs within Title IX of the Education Amendments Act;

15       Whereas The University of Montana must only be in compliance with one of three prongs to be  
16 *in compliance with Title IX;*

17       Whereas The University of Montana ~~has chosen~~ *is working* to become compliant with the  
18 *‘effective accommodation’ prong;*

19       Whereas the addition of a Women’s Softball Team will represent the interests and ability of  
20 *women in the State of Montana and will bring The University of Montana into compliance with*  
21 *the ‘effective accommodation’ prong of Title IX;*

22       Whereas in order to allow for the implementation and sustainability of a Women’s Softball Team  
23 *an increase in the Athletic Fee is required;*

24       *Whereas the Athletics Fee is currently \$46 per semester;*

25       Whereas President Engstrom, the University Administration, and the Montana Board of Regents  
26 *have proposed to increase the \$46 per semester Athletics Fee by \$12.50* ~~fee increase per~~  
27 ~~semester~~ *each Fall semester, over FY12 and FY13;*

28       Whereas a vote of the Associated Students of The University of Montana Senate as the  
29 *governing body is required under Procedures Section B of Policy 940.28 – Athletic Fees;*

30       Whereas the cutting of Men’s Sports Teams will dramatically effect the atmosphere of The  
31 *University of Montana and the desirability of the University to future students;*

32 Whereas the cutting of a Men’s Sports Team will cost The University of Montana its Division I  
33 status, which would hurt the University’s ability to advertise and recruit new out of state  
34 students;

35 Whereas ASUM trusts that the Athletic Department will use the money generated from the Fee  
36 in a productive way that is beneficial to the University as a whole;

37 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports the current proposal to ~~raise~~ *increase* the  
38 \$46 per semester Athletic Fee by \$12.50 each Fall semester over ~~four semesters during the next~~  
39 ~~two fiscal years~~, FY12 and FY13;

40 *Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the total increase to the Athletics Fee after FY13 will be \$25*  
41 *per semester and the total Athletics Fee will be \$71 per semester;*

42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM directs the ASUM President to inform the  
43 Board of Regents of the results of this resolution,

44 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM directs the ASUM President to pursue  
45 alternative methods of procuring funds with the Athletic Department, such as online ticketing,  
46 which could become available with an increased fee,

47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM ~~directs the ASUM President to~~ requests a full  
48 budget report be presented to the Senate, detailing the use of the revenue obtained from the fee  
49 increase, *both prior to and following implementation.*

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51 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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53 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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58 Travis Suzuki,  
59 Relations and Affairs Chair

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Amanda Stovall,  
Chair of the Senate