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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana Resolution Regarding
ASUM Sustainability Board**

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Senate Bill Number SB21-09/10

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Whereas, most ASUM agencies operate under the direction of a board of students;

Whereas, student boards often serve to keep agencies connected to not only the ASUM senate but to the student population;

Whereas, student boards infuse an agency with new ideas and provide helpful feedback related to growth, project development, and planning;

Whereas, the workload of student agency directors can be staggering and boards can help to distribute burdens and promote efficiency;

Whereas, two heads are always better than one;

Whereas, sustainability is an ever changing and multi-dimensional field benefiting from dialogue and collaboration;

Therefore, let it be resolved, that ASUM create a student-led board to work with the ASUM Sustainability Center and ASUM Bylaws be amended to read;

Section 22. Sustainability Board:

A. The Board shall be composed of seven (7) voting members who shall be recommended for appointment by the ASUM Vice President, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the senate. Of the seven (7) Board members appointed by ASUM, three (3) shall be members of the ASUM Senate and four (4) shall be students-at-large, each serving a one-year term. The Director of the ASUM Sustainability Center shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board. An ASUM Senator shall chair the Board.

B. The Board shall meet a minimum of one (1) time per month during the academic year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by two (2) or more members. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Board.

C. The Chair shall act for the Board in its absence, subject to its review.

D. The SPA Committee shall serve as an advisory board to the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, providing guidance and supervision. Duties and functions of the Sustainability Board shall include:

1. *Annually review the ASUM Sustainability Center's operating budget.*
2. *Approve expenditures of \$200.00 or more from the budget.*
3. *Ensure that student (ASUM) interests are considered in creating policies and projects within the ASUM Sustainability Center by helping the Sustainability Coordinator decide on these matters.*
4. *In collaboration with the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, develop short-term (one year) education and outreach plans for the Sustainability Center.*
5. *In consultation with the ASUM Administration and the Sustainability Coordinator, create long-range planning goals and funding sources for the ASUM Sustainability Center's development and use.*

Passed by Committee: _____, 2010

Passed by Senate: _____, 2010

Andrew Dusek,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Emily May,
Chair of the Senate