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Whereas, in February 2007 President Dennison became a charter signatory to the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC);

Whereas, on August 28th, 2008, President Dennison released Phase I of the University’s plan for energy conservation measures;

Whereas, according to the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Team, greenhouse gas emissions at The University of Montana have steadily increased since 2000;

Whereas, energy prices continue to rise, and a comprehensive plan for an overall reduction in energy usage on campus must be implemented;

Whereas, comprehensive energy conservation measures will begin the process of decreasing the total greenhouse gas emissions at The University of Montana;

Whereas, Phase I of the University’s energy conservation plan is as follows:

**ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES: PHASE I**

- **Space Heaters**: Facilities Services will no longer issue space heaters, effective immediately. University policy prohibits the use of personal space heaters.

- **Hallway Lighting**: Facilities Services will begin immediately the installation of energy efficient lighting fixtures in campus buildings. Completion of the project will require several months and a considerable amount of funding, but the reduction in energy costs clearly makes it worthwhile. Facilities will also selectively begin disconnecting some non-essential lights to reduce energy consumption.

- **Night Setback**: Beginning in October, Facilities Services will maintain campus buildings at 60 degrees from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM daily.

- **LEED-09 Design Standards**: The University has adopted and will adhere to the LEED-09 design standards, making all new construction and renovation as energy efficient as possible.

- **Vehicle Speed Limit**: All persons renting vehicles from the Motor Pool must adhere to the speed limit of 65 MPH or forfeit the right of rental.

- **Energy Star**: The University will acquire only those appliances certified as Energy Star compliant.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM endorses and supports Phase I of the University’s energy conservation plan released on August 28th, 2008.
Passed by Committee: September 8, 2008

Passed by Senate: September 10, 2008

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