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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Endorsement of UM Energy Conservation Measures Phase I**
 September 10th, 2008
 Senate Bill Number SB5-08/09
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6 Whereas, in February 2007 President Dennison became a charter signatory to the American College and
7 University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC);
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9 Whereas, on August 28th, 2008, President Dennison released Phase I of the University's plan for energy
10 conservation measures;
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12 Whereas, according to the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Team, greenhouse gas emissions at The
13 University of Montana have steadily increased since 2000;
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15 Whereas, energy prices continue to rise, and a comprehensive plan for an overall reduction in energy
16 usage on campus must be implemented;
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18 Whereas, comprehensive energy conservation measures will begin the process of decreasing the total
19 greenhouse gas emissions at The University of Montana;
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21 Whereas, Phase I of the University's energy conservation plan is as follows:
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23 **ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES: PHASE I**
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- 25 • **Space Heaters:** Facilities Services will no longer issue space heaters, effective immediately.
26 University policy prohibits the use of personal space heaters.
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- 28 • **Hallway Lighting:** Facilities Services will begin immediately the installation of energy efficient
29 lighting fixtures in campus buildings. Completion of the project will require several months and
30 a considerable amount of funding, but the reduction in energy costs clearly makes it worthwhile.
31 Facilities will also selectively begin disconnecting some non-essential lights to reduce energy
32 consumption.
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- 34 • **Night Setback:** Beginning in October, Facilities Services will maintain campus buildings at 60
35 degrees from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM daily.
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- 37 • **LEED-09 Design Standards:** The University has adopted and will adhere to the LEED-09
38 design standards, making all new construction and renovation as energy efficient as possible.
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- 40 • **Vehicle Speed Limit:** All persons renting vehicles from the Motor Pool must adhere to the
41 speed limit of 65 MPH or forfeit the right of rental.
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- 43 • **Energy Star:** The University will acquire only those appliances certified as Energy Star
44 compliant.
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46 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM endorses and supports Phase I of the University's energy
47 conservation plan released on August 28th, 2008.
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Andrew Dusek,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Siri Smillie,
Chair of the Senate