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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution regarding Service Learning at The University of Montana**
3 **October 8, 2008**
4 **Senate Bill Number SB15-08/09**
5 **Authored by: Vice President Siri Smillie**
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8 Whereas, service learning is a valuable experience for both students and the community partners
9 whom they serve;

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11 Whereas, the Faculty Senate approved a UM Service Learning Course Designation in the Spring
12 of 2008 to add “service learning” to the title of courses that include service learning components;
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14 Whereas, student transcripts will now clearly reflect service learning experiences;

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16 Whereas, courses receiving a service learning designation will meet defined standards, allowing
17 for greater consistency among service learning courses;

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19 Whereas, the Office for Civic Engagement (OCE) will increase student access to such courses by
20 serving as a clearinghouse for students seeking to enroll in service learning courses;

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22 Whereas, this designation enhances opportunities for partnerships between UM and the
23 community. Community partners will have better communications with staff and faculty who
24 teach courses that may fit with their needs;

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26 Whereas, feedback from students and community partners about their experiences and meeting
27 course learning objectives will be taken into account as part of established methods of
28 assessment;

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30 Whereas, October 6-12 is National Learn and Serve Challenge Week, which serves to highlight
31 the importance of service learning activities in higher education;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana fully
34 support and endorse the UM Service Learning Course Designation;

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36 Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages students, faculty and the greater community
37 to participate in these collaborations.
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40 Passed by Committee: _____, 2008

41 Passed by Senate:

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43 Andrew Dusek, Chair
Relations and Affairs

Siri Smillie,
Chair of ASUM Senate