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## SB15-08/09: Service Learning at The University of Montana

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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

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Siri Smillie,  
Chair of ASUM Senate