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1 The Associated Students of The University of Montana
2 Resolution Regarding Russell's Supply
3 December 3, 2008
4 SB 08/09 Bill Number 30
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7 Whereas, the last three ASUM's have spoken out in support of
8 worker rights at Grizgear factories throughout the world;
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10 Whereas, UM's vendor code of conduct also expresses a desire for
11 workers producing UM apparel to be treated fairly; Whereas,
12 Russell Corporation recently announced the closure of its
13 Choloma-based factory, Jerzees de Honduras, which produces UM
14 apparel;
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16 Whereas, there is strong evidence that the closure is motivated
17 by anti-union sentiment;
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19 Whereas, the closure is devastating for the 1,800 factory
20 workers and their families;
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22 Whereas, it further sends the message throughout both Russell's
23 supply chain and the rest of the university logo apparel sector
24 in Honduras that workers' attempts to strive for better
25 conditions are more than just futile; they are dangerously
26 counterproductive;
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28 Therefore Let it Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the Office of
29 the President of the University of Montana to place pressure, up
30 to and including the loss of UM business, upon Russell
31 Corporation until it agrees to re-open the factory at full
32 capacity and fully reinstate all union and non-union employees.
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