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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution regarding Institutionalization of the Day of Dialogue
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Whereas, The Montana Board of Regents have made diversity a key component in the curriculum of institutions of Higher Education;

Whereas, President Dennison supports the Day of Dialogue as an annual University function dedicated to conversation and education about diversity;

Whereas, one of the main goals of the Day of Dialogue is to create campus-wide awareness about the richness diversity brings to all of us, the importance of learning from one another about the many cultures and traditions, and to listen to one another in order to find ways of creating and promoting a healthy, welcoming climate on our campus and in the Missoula community;

Whereas, the Day of Dialogue brings students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and community members together for a day-long discussion concerning diversity-related issues – including topics of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability/disability, social and employment hierarchy;

Whereas, the Day of Dialogue has been successfully growing for three years since its inception October 2006, with a variety of student and faculty-led activities, panel discussions, performances, workshops and presentations;

Whereas, in 2008 the Day of Dialogue had 2,367 participants, which is 800 more people than the prior year;

Whereas, according to the Day of Dialogue 2008 Participant surveys, this day was attended by students, faculty, and staff members across campus from various UM departments. Ninety percent of the respondents marked this day as a beneficial event, with a majority of respondents strongly agreeing that this day made them want to learn more, be more aware, discuss diversity and think more broadly;

Whereas, diversity is an important campus commitment, and the Day of Dialogue will continue to be a valuable component of UM’s annual activities;

Whereas, institutionalizing the Day of Dialogue as a regular University event will stabilize and support the further growth of a successful forum;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate fully supports the institutionalization of the Day of Dialogue;

Furthermore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate encourages Faculty and Staff Senate to support the institutionalization of the Day of Dialogue and to encourage the campus community to participate and consider presenting research or activities that relate to diversity issues.

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