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Resolution Regarding the Expansion and Continuation of the ASUM Sustainability Center

Whereas, ASUM recognizes the value of student leadership in the area of sustainability;

Whereas, the induction of the Sustainability Center Fall Semester 2007 has provided multiple opportunities for student outreach, student involvement through internships and volunteering, and programmatic work in regards to the UM Greenhouse Gas Inventory;

Whereas, the demand on campus for coordination of student and University sustainability efforts is greater than the staffing allocated for the purpose;

Whereas, The President’s Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) does not cease after the finalization of the greenhouse gas inventory and will need sufficient staffing for the subsequent University climate action plan;

Whereas, there is high value in student involvement regarding institutional programs, as innovation and passion tend to arise from students themselves;

Whereas, ASUM and UM have been challenged by the Governor’s Office to find a method to cut energy consumption by 20% in 2010, or at least and more than MSU;

Whereas, the continuation and expansion of the ASUM Sustainability Center will provide coordination for student participation, student outreach efforts, and the next steps of the ACUPCC;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) support the continuation and permanence of the ASUM Sustainability Center.

Let It Further Be Resolved that ASUM supports the expansion of staffing in the center and will work with the University administration to determine the fiscal feasibility of expansion.

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