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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Senator Credit Hours**

3 **April 16, 2014**

4 **SB86-13/14**

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6 **Sponsor: Shelby Wheeler, ASUM Senator**

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8 Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Senators regularly
9 dedicate at least three hours per week to regular meetings, office hours, and assigned duties
10 within their appointed/elected roles;

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12 Whereas, ASUM Senators must also be enrolled for a minimum of seven regular credits;

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14 Whereas, ASUM Senators have substantial additional obligations including but not limited to
15 budgeting week, elections, and student group communications;

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17 Whereas most ASUM Senators are full-time students maintaining a credit load of twelve or more
18 credits;

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20 Whereas some ASUM Senators also find it necessary to work outside of both class and ASUM to
21 support themselves;

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23 Whereas some ASUM Senators use financial aid to help pay for their education and must
24 maintain a minimum of twelve credit hours for eligibility;

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26 Whereas all ASUM Senators strive to better the University of Montana;

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28 Whereas ASUM Senators will be more effective in representing the students of the University of
29 Montana should they be given this deserved allowance in compensation for the dedication of
30 their time;

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32 Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, that ASUM deems it necessary for future Senators elected and/or
33 appointed beginning in Academic Year of 2014-2015 or thereafter qualify for three general-
34 purpose credit hours for each semester they serve in order to maintain the integrity, hard work,
35 and continuity of the Senate;

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37 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, that in order to maintain the academic integrity of
38 University degree programs, these credits shall be counted only towards fulfilling the necessary
39 part-time seven hour or full-time twelve hour requirements and total credit hours required for
40 graduation, and not be counted towards fulfilling any specific qualifications for any academic
41 program, unless implemented by appropriate University faculty and administration at a later
42 date;

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44 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Teresa Branch,
45 Vice President of Student Affairs; and Joseph Hickman, Interim Registrar.

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48 Passed by Committee: April 14, 2014

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2014

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54 Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate