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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding University Email**

3 **April 23, 2014**

4 **SB100-13/14**

5 **Author: Betsy Story, ASUM Senator**

6 **Sponsor:**

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8 Whereas, each student enrolled at a University of Montana (UM) affiliated institution is given a
9 University-sponsored email address and account through Microsoft-hosted Office 365 services
10 under an alias along the lines of firstname.lastname@umontana.edu;

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12 Whereas, according to Information Technology support’s webpage, students are instructed to
13 give this alias to University email contacts for University related business as it is to serve as the
14 “official means of communication between students and the University of Montana”;

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16 Whereas, important University business is conducted via this email account, including routine
17 information about registration, tuition, fees, and urgent announcements and notices from UM
18 administration and faculty;

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20 Whereas, non-University affiliated entities have acquired the alias’ of students and have been
21 sending mass emails in the interest of recruiting students with concernedly vague, poorly worded
22 and ill-formatted ‘opportunities’;

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24 Whereas, the receiving of said emails compromises the security and integrity of the most relied
25 upon electronic correspondence between students and the University of Montana;

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27 Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana urges
28 Central IT to prevent future non-University related solicitation via University email;

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30 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, that Central IT and Student Affairs IT explore measures
31 of monitoring mass emails to University-provided email addresses from non-University related
32 entities that involve content that is non-University related and solicitous in nature;

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34 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to: Matt Riley, Chief
35 Information Officer; Jesse Neidigh, Director of Student Affairs IT, and Teresa Branch, Vice
36 President of Student Affairs.

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38 Passed by Committee: April 21, 2014

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40 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2014

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44 Sean McQuillan,
45 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate