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The Associated Students of the University of Montana

Resolution Regarding University Email

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed by Committee: April 21, 2014

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