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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Library Budget Cuts
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Whereas, many University of Montana (UM) students value and utilize the Mansfield Library;
Whereas, Mansfield Library collections and services serve as essential parts of the University of Montana infrastructure for research and creative scholarship and are also vital for a strong teaching and learning environment;
Whereas, UM is experiencing budget shortfalls;
Whereas, the Mansfield Library is undergoing a budget reduction;
Whereas, the Mansfield Library is expected to receive a higher proportion of a budget reduction than other academic instruction departments;
Whereas, the Mansfield Library has requested that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) take a position on their budget reduction;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM requests that the President, Provost, and Vice President for Administration and Finance reconsider the proposed cuts to the library budget, which are proportionately more than other academic areas, and provide adequate yearly inflationary increases;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Royce Engstrom, President of UM; Mike Reid, Vice President of Administration and Finance; and Perry Brown, Provost of the University of Montana; Shali Zhang, Dean of the Mansfield Library.

Passed by Committee: April 14, 2014
Passed by ASUM Senate: April 16, 2014
Final Vote: 18Y-1N

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