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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Library Legislative Funding**
3 **April 16, 2014**
4 **SB97-13/14**

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7 Whereas, many University of Montana (UM) students value and utilize the Mansfield Library;

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9 Whereas, the Mansfield Library has requested that the Associated Students of the University of
10 Montana (ASUM) take a look at their funding proposal to purchase a new electronic library
11 catalog system;

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13 Whereas, representatives from the Mansfield Library and UM plan to attend the April meeting of
14 the Budget Committee of the Board of Regents meeting with their funding proposal;

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16 Whereas, the proposed new system-wide library will attempt to achieve the following:

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18 - Significantly improve institutional effectiveness and efficiency by reducing redundancies
19 and duplicate workflows at each individual library.
20 - Offer a range of new services at a reduced group purchase prices.
21 - Enhance access to library materials across campuses of the Montana University System
22 (MUS) and other academic libraries in Montana. Within 48 hours, students would receive
23 materials at their home institution.
24 - Enable MUS libraries to focus on enhancing digital access to Montana’s most unique and
25 relevant research materials.
26 - Enable each library to be informed on any item purchased by another library so that the
27 libraries will be able to decide whether or not to purchase the same items.
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29 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages the Board of Regents to support the library
30 joint legislative funding request for a new integrated library system;

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32 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Shali Zhang, Dean
33 of the Mansfield Library; Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education; Paul Tuss,
34 Chair of the Montana Board of Regents.
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37 Passed by Committee: April 14, 2014
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39 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 16, 2014

40 Final vote: *Unanimous Consent*
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45 Mike Hopkins,
 Business Manager