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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding General Education Requirements**

3 **May 7, 2014**
4 **SB120-13/14**

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6 **Sponsored by: Sarah Bowers, SAL**
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8 Whereas, many universities around the nation, including the University of Montana, continue to
9 struggle with addressing and preventing sexual assaults;

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11 Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) commends the efforts
12 already made by the University of Montana in this area;

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14 Whereas, policy changes and bringing awareness to the issue of sexual assault are necessary
15 changes to combatting sexual assault; however, it is questionable as to whether these changes
16 address the heart of the issue, which is a culture that enables these assaults to continue;

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18 Whereas, if general education requirements included a greater number of classes dealing with
19 gender, more students would receive some basic education on gender issues;

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21 Whereas, education can change the way an individual thinks about an issue or subject and when
22 thought changes, behavior changes;

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24 Whereas, classes that discuss gender are already being taught in various departments such as the
25 Women and Gender Studies Department, the Anthropology Department, and the Communication
26 Studies Department;

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28 Whereas, students must already take classes in eleven other perspectives, but none deal
29 specifically with gender;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages the University of Montana to allow more
32 classes that deal with gender and gender issues to fulfill general education requirements;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages the General Education Committee
35 to reach out to professors who teach courses dealing with gender and invite them to apply to have
36 their course satisfy a general education requirement;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Professor Nadia
39 White, Chair of the General Education Committee; Professor Colin Henderson, Chair of the
40 Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee; Professors Beth Hubble and Kim
41 Brown Campbell, Co-Chairs of the University Council on Student Assault; Kathe Kountz, Interim
42 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Title IX Coordinator; Associate Professor Liz Putnam,
43 Chair of Faculty Senate; and Royce Engstrom, President of the University of Montana.

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45 Passed by Committee: May 5, 2014

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47 Passed by ASUM Senate: May 7, 2014

48 *Final Vote: 18Y-7A*

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52 Sean McQuillan,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate