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## SB65-14/15: Resolution of Support for Annual Fee Review

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**

2                                   **Resolution of Support for Annual Fee Review**

3                                   **February 4, 2015**

4                                   **SB65-14/15**

5                                   **Authored by: Asa Hohman, ASUM President**

6                                   **Sponsored by:**

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8   Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the students  
9   of the University of Montana and the Missoula College;

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11   Whereas, ASUM is obligated to take action on items and programs that are supported by the  
12   majority of the student body;

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14   Whereas, ASUM Executives and Senators serve only a one-year term;

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16   Whereas, the Montana State Board of Regents (BOR) only accepts fee increase proposals on a  
17   biennium basis (every other year);

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19   Whereas, student-driven fee initiatives have been voted on by the student body as a whole and  
20   are only brought to the BOR if a majority of the student body supports said fee initiatives;

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22   Whereas, ASUM leadership may not be the same from year to year, and there is no continuity  
23   that would guarantee a fee supported by the students that was brought to the BOR;

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25   Whereas, some fees supported by students are for programming that would fulfill an immediate  
26   need and cannot wait for the biennium;

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28   Whereas, students of the Montana University System should have as much say as possible in  
29   what fees they pay, or do not pay;

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31   Whereas, if a fee initiative is supported by the student body in a freely held election it would be  
32   inappropriate to deny students the ability to support the programming they voted for;

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34   Whereas, students in the Montana University System are capable of making decisions that affect  
35   their finances for themselves;

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37   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages the Montana State BOR to allow for  
38   annual fee proposals for student-driven fee initiatives, and only for student driven fee initiatives;

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to: the Montana  
41 Associated Students; Clayton Christian, The Commissioner of Higher Education; Royce  
42 Engstrom, the President of the University of Montana; Rosi Keller, the Associate Vice President  
43 of Administration and Finance; and each individual member of the Montana State Board of  
44 Regents.

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46 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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48 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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52 Sarah Smith,  
Relations and Affairs Chair

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Sean McQuillan,  
Chair of the Senate