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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**

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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

Sean McQuillan,
Chair of the Senate