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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding ASUM Childcare Center Grounds-Keeping

October 28th, 2015
SB20-15/16

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Childcare Oversight Committee is tasked with general oversight of the ASUM Childcare Centers;

Whereas, the ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee works in conjunction with the ASUM Childcare Director on issues related to ASUM Childcare and its operations;

Whereas, the ASUM Childcare Oversight Committee is responsible for communicating issues within ASUM Childcare to the ASUM Senate when appropriate;

Whereas, the ASUM Childcare Centers provide exceptional care to the children of University of Montana (UM) affiliated community members such as students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas, UM Facilities Services is responsible for providing maintenance to all UM facilities;

Whereas, UM Facilities Services is tasked with caring for the ASUM Childcare grounds to the same standard as the entirety of the UM campus;

Whereas, the children under the care of the ASUM Childcare Centers deserve to receive the quality care expected from ASUM Childcare;

Whereas, the ASUM Childcare playground at the McGill Hall Center experiences severe flooding during instances of adverse weather;

Whereas, such an environment is detrimental to the health and safety of the children under the care of ASUM on a daily basis;

Whereas, it is a gross disservice to the children at the centers and to their parents to continuously subject the children to dangerous conditions such as flooding playgrounds;

Whereas, the continued subjection of children to these conditions is an embarrassment to the University of Montana as a whole;

Whereas, flooding exists due to faulty installation of drainage at this facility;

Whereas, as an educational, state-funded property, maintenance and upkeep for McGill Hall and grounds are required to be provided by UM Facilities Services;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM requests the UM Facilities Services to, in a deliberate and timely manner, restore the ASUM Childcare McGill Hall Center playground to a safe and flood-free state;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM requests the UM Facilities Services to provide regular upkeep and maintenance to all of the ASUM Childcare Facilities;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the ASUM Childcare Director Lauralea Sanks; ASUM Childcare Center Coordinators Tammy Maney and Sandee Hopfauf; UM Facilities Services Interim Director Kevin Krebsbach; and UM Facilities Maintenance Interim Associate Director John Grasso.

Passed by Committee:

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2015

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