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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ASUM Childcare Center Grounds-Keeping**
3 **October 28th, 2015**

4 **SB20-15/16**

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7 **Sponsored by:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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45 Whereas, as an educational, state-funded property, maintenance and upkeep for McGill
46 Hall and grounds are required to be provided by UM Facilities Services;

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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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