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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding the Davidson Honors College Director of External Scholarships and**
3 **Advising**

4 **March 9th, 2016**

5 **SB40-15/16**

6 **Authored by: Caleb Chestnut, ASUM Senator;**

7 **Sponsored by:**

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9 Whereas, the University of Montana (UM) is in the midst of a significant budget crisis;

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11 Whereas, UM has chosen to lay off 27 faculty and staff members as a result of the crisis;

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13 Whereas, the Davidson Honors College chose not to renew the contract of the Director of
14 External Scholarships and Advising, effective June 30th;

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16 Whereas, the services provided by this office are not only unique to the campus, but are
17 accessible to all UM students, not just members of the Davidson Honors College;

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19 Whereas, quality advising has become increasingly difficult for UM students to attain;

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21 Whereas, this office has given hundreds of students the meaningful guidance that they seek in a
22 liberal arts education;

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24 Whereas, the office's students have been the recipients of 15 Udall scholarships and five (5)
25 honorably mentions, four (4) Truman scholarships, four (4) Goldwater scholarships, and
26 numerous Fulbright and Rhodes scholars, among many other scholarships;

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28 Whereas, the ability to receive these prestigious scholarships to study or do research, whether
29 abroad or at home, draws students to UM;

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31 Whereas, these scholarships may help launch a student's career or enable them to conduct
32 innovative research;

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34 Whereas, these scholarships are extremely competitive;

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36 Whereas, effective advisors are essential in the process of applying for these scholarships;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
39 (ASUM) encourages the University of Montana (UM) administration to provide funding for a
40 Director of External Scholarships;

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that UM fill this position with an
43 employee who has proven experience guiding countless students to successfully apply for the
44 scholarships that have strengthened the college careers of UM students and supported the
45 reputation of the school;

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Royce Engstrom, UM
48 President; Perry Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mike Reid, Vice
49 President for Administration and Finance; Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs;
50 Brock Tessman, Dean of the Davidson Honors College; and Dala Gant, Director of Scholarships
51 in the Financial Aid Office.

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54 Passed by Committee: _____, 2016

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56 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2016

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Kaitlin Hoppingardner

62 Chair of Relations and Affairs

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Chair of the Senate