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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Regarding Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Academic**  
3                                   **Advising Recommendations**

4                                   **02/13/2017**

5                                   **SB58-16/17**

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7 **Brenna Love; ASUM Senator, Anisa Ricci; ASUM Senator, Alexandria Schafer; ASUM Senator,**  
8 **Daisy Ward; ASUM Senator**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests of the  
11 University of Montana (UM) student body;

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13 Whereas, Student success and retention is crucial to university success;

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15 Whereas, Academic Advising at the University of Montana has proven inconsistent across campus  
16 departments;

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18 Whereas, Consistent and comprehensive academic advising is crucial to the success of students at the  
19 University of Montana;

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22 Whereas, The incorporation of academic advising alongside teaching, research, and service in the  
23 evaluation and incentivisation of faculty throughout the UM-UFA and UM-MCFA Collective Bargaining  
24 Agreements and Departmental Unit Standards would provide for more effective advising;

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26 Whereas, There is no mandatory campus-wide advisor training seminar for all professional and faculty  
27 advisors to ensure that all advisors are up-to-date on major catalogs-changes and trained to use tools such  
28 as CyberBear, and Academic Planner, and DegreeWorks in student advising

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30 Whereas, There are no established “Best Practices for Undergraduate Advising” at the University of  
31 Montana;

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33 Whereas, There is no incentive for faculty to provide quality advising,

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends the incorporation of academic advising  
37 alongside teaching, research, and service in the evaluation and incentivisation of faculty throughout the  
38 UM-UFA and UM-MCFA Collective Bargaining Agreement and Departmental Unit Standards;

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends instituting a mandatory campus-wide  
41 advisor training seminar for all professional and faculty advisors to ensure that all advisors are up-to-date  
42 on major catalog changes and trained to use tools such as CyberBear, Academic Planner, and  
43 DegreeWorks in student advising;

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45 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends establishing and utilizing the “Best  
46 Practices for Undergraduate Advising” as developed by the ASUM ad hoc Advising Committee, the  
47 Office for Student Success, and the Undergraduate Advising Center;

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49 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends incentivizing faculty to provide high  
50 quality advising by including it as a consideration in merit-pay;

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52 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends adding number of advisees as a  
53 consideration when determining faculty workload;

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55 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends ensuring that Student Evaluation  
56 Committees are convened whenever possible to ensure that students are fully involved in the  
57 Departmental faculty evaluation process;

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59 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to Sheila Stearns, Interim  
60 President; Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Larry Abramson,  
61 Dean, School of Journalism; Chris Comer, Dean, College of Humanities and Sciences; Tom DeLuca,  
62 Dean, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation; Roberta Evans, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington  
63 College of Education and Human Sciences; Reed Humphrey, Dean, College of Health Professions and  
64 Biomedical Sciences; Stephen Kalm, Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts; Paul Kirgis, Dean,  
65 School of Law; Roger Maclean, Dean, School of Extended and Lifelong Learning; Shannon O’Brien,  
66 Dean, Missoula College; Christopher Shook, Dean, School of Business Administration;

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69 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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71 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Courtney VonLindern,  
Chair of Advising Committee

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Elizabeth Engebretson  
Chair of the Senate