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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution for Referendum Expanding FTE Graduate Student and Missoula College**
3 **Student Representation on ASUM Senate**

4 **March 10th, 2017**

5 **SB69-16/17**

6 **Authored by: Seth Barnes-Smith, ASUM Senator;**

7 **Sponsored by:**

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9 Whereas, the number of resident and non-resident, full-time enrolled (FTE) graduate students at
10 UM has ranged consistently between 1,651 and 1,873 in FY 2006-2016¹;

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12 Whereas, the number of FTE graduate students has represented between 13.16% and 15.89% of
13 the overall FTE student body of UM and Missoula College in these years, and the average of this
14 percentage is 14.06%;

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16 Whereas, the number of FTE Missoula College (MC) students has represented between 8.05%²
17 and 13.66% of the overall FTE student body of UM and Missoula College in these years, and the
18 average of this percentage is 11.64%;

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20 Whereas, Article 7. Section 4, Subsection 1 of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the
21 University of Montana (ASUM) currently states:

22 *During the ASUM General Election one seat of the Senate shall be reserved for the*
23 *graduate student candidate with the largest number of votes and one seat of the Senate*
24 *shall be reserved for the Missoula College candidate with the largest number of votes,*
25 *should a candidate from the respective constituency run.*

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27 Whereas, one Senate seat represents only 3.8% of the ASUM Senate and 3.5% when the
28 executive seats are included;

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30 Whereas, 14% of the ASUM Senate would represent 3.64 seats (4.06 including the three
31 executive seats) and 11% would represent 2.86 seats (3.19 including the three executive seats);

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the following referendum language be placed before the
34 University of Montana student body for vote during the 2017 ASUM General Election:

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36 *The Associated Students of the University of Montana currently reserves one (1) student senate*
37 *seat for a graduate student and one (1) seat for a Missoula College student with the highest*
38 *number of votes. One (1) seat represents 3.8% of the Senate. Full-time enrolled (FTE) graduate*
39 *students and FTE Missoula College students represent an average of 14.06% and 11.64%,*
40 *respectively, based on the MUS Fiscal Year Enrollment Report: FY06-FY16 Annualized Student*
41 *FTE. Do you support a change in the number of reserved ASUM Senate seats from one (1)*

¹ Statistics based on *MUS Fiscal Year Enrollment Report: FY06-FY16 Annualized Student FTE*

² This number can be misleadingly low. FTE enrollment at Missoula College has not dropped below 10% of total UM and MC enrollment in the last 9 years.

42 *graduate student seat to three (3) reserved seats and one (1) Missoula College seat to two (2)*
43 *reserved seats?*

44 *_____ Yes, I support a change in the reserved Senate seats for graduate and Missoula*
45 *College candidates.*

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47 *_____ No, I do not support the additional reserved Senate seats for graduate and Missoula*
48 *College candidates.*

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50 Passed by Committee: _____, 2017

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52 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

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57 Chair of Relations and Affairs Committee Chair of the Senate