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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Library Budget Cuts
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SB10-17/18
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Whereas, many University of Montana (UM) students value and utilize the Mansfield Library;

Whereas, The Mansfield Library is a unique university institution which directly and critically supports every major and program on campus;

Whereas, Mansfield Library collections and services serve as essential parts of the University of Montana infrastructure for research and creative scholarship and are also vital for a strong teaching and learning environment;

Whereas, UM is experiencing budget shortfalls;

Whereas, The Mansfield Library has undergone a 33% budget reduction over the last five years with a 15% cut in fiscal year 2018 alone;

Whereas, the Mansfield Library has proposed cancelation of collections resources which will have a profound impact on student recruitment and retention, and the research, scholarship and productivity of faculty, students, and staff across campus;

Whereas, the UM Graduate Professional Student Association deems the resources which the proposed cancelations will impact as essential to completion of member’s theses and research projects;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) urges the administration to recognize the Mansfield Library as a unique and critical supporting institution for the university as a whole;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM requests that the President, Provost, and Vice President for Administration and Finance reconsider the proposed cuts to the library budget;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sheila M. Stearns, President of the University of Montana (UM); Rosi Keller, Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance; Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost of the University of Montana; Shali Zhang, Dean of the Mansfield Library; Mary-Ann Bowman, Faculty Senate Chair; and Maria Mangold, Staff Senate Chair.

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Connor Fitzpatrick  Brenna Love
Chair of Relations and Affairs   Chair of the Senate