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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution for Developing an ASUM Outdoor Public Bulletin Board**

3 **10/20/2017**

4 **SB18 - 17/18**

5 **Authored by: Garret Morrill, ASUM Senator;**

6 **Sponsored by:**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and
9 serves the welfare and interests of the student body at large;

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11 Whereas, The facilitation of public speech and expression are of paramount importance
12 to the intellectual, commercial, and cultural interests of our campus community;

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14 Whereas, Outdoor public bulletin boards once located on the Oval, near Urey Lecture
15 Hall, and southeast of the University Theater had enabled our campus community to
16 communicate events, opportunities, and ideas in highly visual, high-traffic
17 environments for many years;

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19 Whereas, The Facilities Services Policies Procedure under Article III, Section B
20 specifically mentions these public bulletin boards as kiosks and their locations;

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22 Whereas, These kiosks were in increasing disrepair and designed in such a way that the
23 wind often shed postings from their surfaces and contributed to campus-wide litter;

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25 Whereas, Facilities Services removed these kiosks in the Spring semester 2017;

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27 Whereas, Facilities Services reported that the kiosks created an intolerable burden of
28 cleanup and have not reinstated any to the campus as of this date;

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30 Whereas, The cylindrical design of these kiosks resulted in messy appearances, litter
31 generation, low surface area, redundant posting behaviors, and inefficient display
32 potential;

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34 Whereas, The locations of these kiosks placed them in the middle of sidewalks which
35 could sometimes contribute to traffic congestion;

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37 Whereas, Many students and associated members of the University have no other
38 appropriate or effective avenue for general communications on this campus that is
39 selective towards the general campus community rather than specific building visitors;

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41 Whereas, The existence of various public bulletin boards within various campus
42 buildings cannot meet this need due to their lack of general visibility, varying subject
43 restrictions, differing cleanup schedules, and lack of surface area;

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45 Whereas, Electronic communications are not a proper substitute for these bulletin
46 boards due to high advertisement costs for online campaigns and lack of specification
47 towards the potentially interested within our campus community;

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49 Whereas, Wood farming and harvesting for paper production is one of the most
50 sustainable and ecologically friendly industries in modern America;
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52 Whereas, The absence of outdoor public bulletin boards gravely hinders many
53 meaningful campus communications;
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55 Whereas, It is within the direct interests of ASUM to facilitate campus communications
56 to and from students and to create and improve the functionality of such platforms;
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58 Whereas, It is within the direct interests of Facilities Services to maintain a clean and
59 orderly campus without incurring high or unnecessary costs;
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61 Whereas, The Industrial Technology program at Missoula College includes ASUM
62 student members who are interested in creating metalwork and design projects for their
63 vocational degrees;
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65 Whereas, These student projects would require minimal material and labor costs
66 amount to about \$4,000 while design and craftsmanship costs would be absorbed by
67 the Industrial Technology school and its students;¹
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69 Whereas, The estimated costs for this project by outside contractors is upwards of
70 \$15,000;²
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72 Whereas, This is an excellent opportunity for ASUM to contribute to the campus in a
73 highly visual, cost-efficient, and effective manner while serving a great utility for its
74 student membership, Facilities Services, and ASUM Marketing and Outreach
75 Committee efforts;
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77 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM seeks to design and implement an ASUM-
78 managed public bulletin board with improved surface area, visibility, aesthetics, and
79 protection from the elements than previous outdoor bulletin boards in a manner
80 befitting the campus community;
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82 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM shall introduce a future STIP request
83 for the purposes of material costs, production, and installation of the ASUM public
84 bulletin board;
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86 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM shall introduce a future resolution
87 affecting its governing documents to create a maintenance and cleanup schedule for all
88 ASUM public bulletin boards now and in the future;
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90 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM will work with Facilities Services to
91 obtain permission for construction and to ensure the placement of the ASUM public

¹ Quotes from William Hillman and Zachary Reddig

² Quotes from William Hillman and Zachary Reddig

92 bulletin board is non-obtrusive to campus maintenance and highly accessible to the
93 campus community;

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95 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to William
96 Hillman, Chairman of Industrial Technologies at Missoula College; Zachary Reddig,
97 Assistant Professor of Welding Technology at Missoula College; Bradley Platts, Dean of
98 Missoula College; John Grasso, Associate Director of Campus Maintenance; Kevin
99 Krebsbach, Director of Facilities Services; Shelia Stearns, Interim President of the
100 University of Montana; Seth Bodnar, President-select of the University of Montana; and
101 Rosie Keller, Vice President of Administration and Finance;

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104 Passed by Committee: _____ October 20 _____, 2017

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106 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

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111 Connor Fitzpatrick
Chair of Relations and Affairs

Brenna Love
Chair of the Senate