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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2 **Resolution Reviewing and Responding to APASP Report and Recommendations**  
3 **December 3, 2017**  
4 **SB27-17/18**

5 **Authored by: Abigail Belcher, ASUM Senator; Alex Butler, ASUM Senator; and Daisy Ward,**  
6 **ASUM Senator;**

7 **Sponsored by: Mariah Welch, ASUM Senator;**  
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9 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents approximately  
10 12,000 students across the University of Montana;

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12 Whereas, Students at the University of Montana generally value transparency, communication, and  
13 inclusion in significant university processes;

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15 Whereas, Academic Programs and Administrative Services Prioritization (APASP) is a strategic  
16 budgeting process meant to mitigate legislative cuts, declining enrollment, and a lack of conclusive data  
17 about the overall status of programs at the University of Montana;

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19 Whereas, On Friday, December 1st, the APASP Task Force released a document titled  
20 “Recommendations to the President and President’s Cabinet” which contained key findings about the  
21 process and Phase 1 recommendations for programs and units in the “Priority for Substantial  
22 Modification” category;

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24 Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That ASUM would like to commend all the members of the APASP Task  
25 Force for the time and energy spent creating the process and executing it with honesty, diligence, and  
26 thoughtfulness; we would like to specifically recognize the students who have served on the Task Force:  
27 Anisa Ricci, Chase Greenfield, Eric Johnston, Braden Fitzgerald, and Sam Forstag;

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29 Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM encourages better communication between future  
30 prioritization efforts and university budget officials in order to recognize and incorporate financial  
31 considerations and establish associated goals;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM strongly recommends a timeline of 12-24 months to  
34 ensure adequate time for reviewer and author training, a more robust process for gathering program-  
35 specific data, the ability for reviewers to devote an adequate amount of time to each program, and a  
36 sufficient amount of time for the task-force to make clear, informed, and instructive recommendations;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM recommends that reviewers receive substantial  
39 training, including but not limited to: a pilot process including reviewers, clear instructions concerning the  
40 use and interpretation of the data sheets, a clear explanation of how the individual rankings will contribute  
41 to the goal of the prioritization effort, and clearly defining the time commitment to reviewers;

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43 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM recommends that task force members, reviewers, and  
44 other contributing parties receive compensation in the form of internship credit, Curriculum and  
45 Instruction credit, course release time, leave time, or a tuition waiver in the appropriate amount;

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That in order to maintain substantial involvement in budgeting  
48 processes that significantly impact students, ASUM recommends continued student representation in  
49 future prioritization efforts as task force members and reviewers, in conjunction with the task force

50 receiving student input in other ways, including but not limited to public comment and feedback via the  
51 website;

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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM stands by this phrase from the Key Findings section  
54 of “Recommendations to the President and President’s Cabinet”:

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56 *We strongly recommend that the Cabinet consider the actual reports, scoring, reviewer*  
57 *comments, and dean, sector head, and author responses in deliberations regarding specific*  
58 *action;*

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60 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to the following: Sheila Stearns,  
61 Interim President of the University of Montana; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana;  
62 Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost of the University of Montana; Mary-Ann Bowman, Chair of the  
63 University of Montana Faculty Senate; Maria Mangold, President of the University of Montana Staff  
64 Senate; Paul Haber, President of the University Faculty Association; Rebecca Power, Assistant to the  
65 President; Tom Crady, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs; Lucy France, Legal Counsel;  
66 Kent Halsam, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Matthew Riley, Chief Information Officer; Mario  
67 Schulzke, Associate Vice President for Integrated Communications and Chief Marketing Officer; Paula  
68 Short, Director of Communications; Jessica Weltman, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Direct  
69 and Title IX Coordinator; Scott Whittenburg, Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship and  
70 Dean of the Graduate School; and Cindy Williams, President/CEO of the UM Foundation.

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

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

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83 Alex Butler Brenna Love  
84 Ad-Hoc Program Prioritization Chair Chair of the Senate  
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