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## SB18-18/19: Resolution Requesting that Business Services Bill Graduate Students Enrolled in Two Programs Once for the ASUM Student Activity Fee

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Requesting that Business Services Bill Graduate Students Enrolled in Two**  
3                                   **Programs Once for the ASUM Student Activity Fee**  
4                                   **SB18-18/19**

5                   **Authored by: Abbigail Belcher, ASUM Senator; Cierra Anderson, ASUM Senator**  
6                                   **Sponsored by:**  
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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the 27  
9       students that are currently enrolled in joint degree programs through the law school and any  
10       students that enroll in joint degree programs in the future;

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12       Whereas, As a result of the creation of new joint degree programs the number of students  
13       enrolled in both the law program and a graduate program is expected to increase in coming  
14       years;

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16       Whereas, Students that are enrolled in both a law program and a graduate program at the  
17       University of Montana (UM) are billed once for the ASUM Student Activity Fee of \$146.00, and  
18       once for the Law Student ASUM Student Activity Fee of \$63.30, which means that double-  
19       enrolled graduate students pay \$209.30 each year;

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21       Whereas, Requiring that an individual pay more than once for a single set of services is unjust;

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23       Whereas, Requiring that some students pay more than other students pay for identical services is  
24       unethical;

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26       Whereas, There are no logistic or clerical concerns that justify placing an unequal financial  
27       burden on students in joint degree programs;

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29       Whereas, Some students have been able to get the additional fee removed through informal  
30       communications with Business Services, which indicates that Business Services is not obligated  
31       to bill dually-enrolled Graduate-Juris Doctorate students twice for the ASUM Student Activity  
32       Fee;

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34       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM requests that Business Services ensures that the 27  
35       students enrolled in joint degree programs are only billed the full amount once on their accounts  
36       for the ASUM Student Activity Fee during Spring Semester 2019;

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38       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM requests that Business Services makes  
39       arrangements to be prepared to consistently remove the additional ASUM Student Activity Fee  
40       from the accounts of future students enrolled in joint degree programs;

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42       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the following  
43       individuals: Kathy Gibbs, Collections Specialist; Ruth Williams, Collections Specialist and  
44       Student Advocate; Joe Hickman, UM Registrar; Maria Mangold, Alexander Blewett III School  
45       of Law Registrar; Paul Kirgis, Dean of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law; and Jon  
46       Harbor, Provost of the University of Montana.

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48 Passed by Committee: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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52 Ethan Hanley  
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55 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

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Chair of the Senate

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57 Andria Schäfer  
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59 Chair of Board on Budget and Finance