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SB75-20/21: Resolution Establishing a Committee on Equitable Education

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27 Whereas, On March 8, 2021, President Biden signed an Executive Order directing Secretary of
28 Education Dr. Miguel Cardona, to review the previous policies within the next 100 days;⁴
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30 Whereas, On April 6, 2021, the DOE issued a letter, which established they will act immediately
31 in conducting a comprehensive review and guiding principles on Title IX by (1) holding
32 upcoming public hearings, (2) providing question and answer guidelines, and (3) providing a
33 notice of proposed rulemaking;⁵
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35 Whereas, This Executive Order encapsulates the problem MUS students face today, a continually
36 changing policy;
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38 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM establish a Standing Title IX Committee, aimed to
39 provide recommendations to UM and OCHE on implementation of policies that related to
40 student receiving an equitable education at the University of Montana;
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42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Associated Students of the University of Montana
43 Bylaws, §V be amended to add § V(27) which shall read:
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45 *“A. The Committee on Equitable Education shall be composed of six (6) members, two*
46 *(2) of which shall be Senators, three (3) of which shall be either Senators or students-at-*
47 *large at the discretion of the ASUM Vice President, and one (1) of which shall be a*
48 *Graduate and Professional Student Association Senator.*
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50 *B. The Committee on Equitable Education shall be the default committee to provide*
51 *policy recommendations directed at creating a learning environment emphasizing dignity*
52 *and worth, free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on sex, gender, or*
53 *sexual violence. The Committee on Equitable Education shall also be the default*
54 *committee to review any proposed or interim policy relating to sexual violence,*
55 *harassment, discrimination or retaliation, Title IX implementation, medical amnesty for*
56 *survivors, interim policies, hearing procedures effecting student-survivors on campus,*
57 *UM Discrimination Hearing Procedures, any/or any policy relating to equitable*
58 *education of survivors of sexual violence.*
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60 *1. The Committee on Equitable Education shall be charged with providing student*
61 *developed amendments to the above outlined policies.*
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63 *2. The Committee will examine and work within federal guidelines, unless the guidelines*
64 *are so objectively contrary to ASUM’s missions, values, and goals, that they would be*
65 *hinder a student’s ability to receive an education at the University of Montana.*
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⁴ Exc. Order No.14,021, 86 FR 13803 (2021).

⁵ Suzane Goldberg, Letter to Students, Educators, and other Stakeholders re Executive Order 14021 Notice of Language Assistance, April 06, 2021.

67 3. Recommendations will aim for the most sustainable practices at the University of
68 Montana.”;

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70 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, This resolution be sent to: Danielle Pease, Chair of the
71 Associated Students of the University of Montana Title IX Ad Hoc Committee; Lucy France,
72 UM Legal Counsel; Alicia Arant, Director of the Equal Opportunity Office; Jen Euell, Director
73 of the Student Advocacy Resource Center; Chris Palmer, Chair of Faculty Senate; Charity
74 Atteberry, Chair of Staff Senate; Phil Rosenfelt, Assistant United States Secretary of Education;
75 Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education; Mike Vasquez, Associated Students of
76 Montana State University-Bozeman President; Katey Sutton, Associated Students of Montana
77 Tech; Jocelynn Norman, Associated Students of Helena College President; Keeley Fitzgerald,
78 Associated Students of the University of Montana Western Office Manager; James Unzaga,
79 Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings President; Riley Mortenson,
80 Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern President; Aaron Frank, Associated
81 Students of Great Falls College Montana State University President.

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84 Passed By Committee: _____, 2021

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86 Passed By ASUM Senate: April 7 _____, 2021

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90 Noah Durnell,
 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate