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## **SB103\_21-22\_Resolution Encouraging the Native American Studies Department to Add More Indigenous Language Courses**

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2 **Resolution Encouraging the Native American Studies Department to Add More Indigenous**  
3 **Language Courses**

4                                   **April 7, 2022**

5                                   **SB103-21/22**

6                                   **Authored by: O'Shay Birdinground, ASUM Senator;**  
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9   Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) advocate for the  
10 general welfare of students who attend the University of Montana (“UM”);  
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12   Whereas, UM prides itself as being the flagship University in Montana;  
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14   Whereas, The Native American Studies department currently has one Indigenous language  
15 available;  
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17   Whereas, UM prides itself on the partnership between tribal colleges and the flagship university;  
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19   Whereas, UM sits on the ancestral lands of the Salish, Kootenai, and Kalispel People and uses a  
20 land acknowledgment to honor the tribal nations;  
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22   Whereas, UM should align its actions with the acknowledgment to honor those tribes and others  
23 by incorporating and welcoming their languages into our institution;  
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25   Whereas, the Native American Studies department undergraduate program states “Courses are  
26 designed for both Native American and non-Native students so they can better understand human  
27 similarities and differences, thereby leading to the development of better communications and  
28 cross-cultural relationships.”;  
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30   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That UM and the Native American Studies department make an  
31 effort to include more Indigenous languages from the Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Salish, Rocky  
32 Boy, Assiniboine, Chippewa, Cree, Flathead, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Gros Ventre, Kootenai,  
33 Little Shell Chippewa, Pend d’Oreille, and Sioux;  
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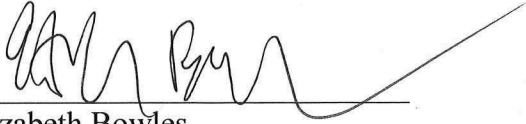
35   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That UM promote the opportunities to deepen students’  
36 knowledge and access to Montana tribal languages and cultures;  
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38   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Seth Bodnar, UM  
39 President; Kelly Webster, Chief of Staff and Associate Vice President of Strategic  
40 Implementation; Reed Humphrey, UM Provost; Sarah Swager, UM Vice Provost for Student  
41 Success; Kate Shanley, Chair of Native American Studies.  
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44   Passed by Committee: April 10, 2022  
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46   Passed by ASUM Senate: May 4, 2022

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Elizabeth Bowles,  
Chair of Relations and Affairs



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Mary Melissa Glueckert,  
Chair of the Senate