

1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Library Budget Cuts**
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8 Whereas, many University of Montana (UM) students value and utilize the Mansfield Library;
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10 Whereas, The Mansfield Library is a unique university institution which directly and critically supports every
11 major and program on campus;
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13 Whereas, Mansfield Library collections and services serve as essential parts of the University of Montana
14 infrastructure for research and creative scholarship and are also vital for a strong teaching and learning
15 environment;
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17 Whereas, UM is experiencing budget shortfalls;
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19 Whereas, The Mansfield Library has undergone a 33% budget reduction over the last five years with a 15% cut
20 in fiscal year 2018 alone;
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22 Whereas, the Mansfield Library has proposed cancelation of collections resources which will have a profound
23 impact on student recruitment and retention, and the research, scholarship and productivity of faculty, students,
24 and staff across campus;
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26 Whereas, the UM Graduate Professional Student Association deems the resources which the proposed
27 cancelations will impact as essential to completion of member's theses and research projects;
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29 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) urges the
30 administration to recognize the Mansfield Library as a unique and critical supporting institution for the
31 university as a whole;
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33 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM requests that the President, Provost, and Vice President for
34 Administration and Finance reconsider the proposed cuts to the library budget;
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36 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sheila M. Stearns, President of the
37 University of Montana (UM); Rosi Keller, Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance; Beverly
38 Edmond, Interim Provost of the University of Montana; Shali Zhang, Dean of the Mansfield Library; Mary-Ann
39 Bowman, Faculty Senate Chair; and Maria Mangold, Staff Senate Chair.
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41 Passed by Committee: _____ 2017
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43 Passed by Senate: _____ 2017
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46 Connor Fitzpatrick
47 Chair of Relations and Affairs

Brenna Love
Chair of the Senate