**The Associated Students of the University of Montana**

**Resolution Regarding Transportation Fee Increase Proposal**

**January 31st 2019**

**SB33-18/19**

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**Sponsored By:**

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent and provide crucial services to students at the University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, The mission of the ASUM Office of Transportation (OT) is to promote and provide transportation options for students, faculty, staff, and the community;

Whereas, Safe, convenient, affordable access to campus is critical to student retention and success;

Whereas, ASUM OT operates the UDASH bus service, one of the only student-run transit systems in the country;

Whereas, 44% of ASUM-OT’s UDASH buses are beyond their useful life and need to be replaced as soon as possible;

Whereas, UM’s transportation fee is significantly lower than other campuses nationwide;

Whereas, Inflationary cost increases continue to strain ASUM OT’s budget, and significant service reductions will occur if the ASUM Transportation Fee is not increased;

Whereas, The Board of Regents approve fees for Fiscal Year 20 (FY20) and Fiscal Year 21 (FY21);

Whereas, In order to maintain current service, the ASUM Transportation Board and the Office of Transportation recommend a fee increase of $5.00 in FY20 and $16.00 in FY21;

Whereas, UM desires to keep fee increases to less than 3% in both FY20 and FY21;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports a Transportation Fee increase for both part-time and full-time students for FY20 and FY21;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That ASUM supports a $2.00 per semester fee increase for full-time students in FY20;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That ASUM supports a $3.00 per semester fee increase for part-time students in FY20;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That ASUM supports a $3.00 per semester fee increase for full time students in FY21;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That ASUM supports a $3.00 per semester fee increase for part-time students in FY21;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Rosi Keller, Vice President of Administration and Finance; Interim Paul Lasiter; Incoming Vice President of Operations and Finance;

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Ethan Hanley,                                                 Mariah Welch,

Chair of Transportation Board                                 Chair of the Senate