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Resolution Regarding Residence Life

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Whereas, nearly all freshmen at The University of Montana are required to live in on-campus residence halls;

Whereas, approximately 3400 students lived in housing owned by Residence Life during spring semester 2013;

Whereas, The Residence Life Office employs approximately 66 students as Resident Assistants;

Whereas, residents pay over $1600 per semester to live in the residence halls;

Whereas, the living situation of students directly impacts their quality of life;

Whereas, Resident Assistants and residents are under the auspices of Residence Life;

Whereas, many grievances have been reported to the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) over the past year regarding Residence Life policy on student conduct;

Whereas, Residence Life’s mission statement reads “Residence Life provides safe, clean, healthy, and affordable living and learning facilities that fosters an inclusive community living environment for students, staff, faculty, and guests;”

Whereas, Residence Life lists two of its core values as inclusive and collaborative;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages a more open dialogue between residents and Residence Life;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages a more open dialogue between student staff and Residence Life;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a member of the ASUM Housing Board will serve as the liaison to the Residence Life Office by communicating directly with hall supervisors and Residence Life administrators at least twice per semester to gather feedback from student employees and residents regarding Residence Life operations;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sandy Schoonover, Director of Residence Life; Teresa Branch, VP of Student Affairs; and Cody
Whitmer, Sara Gullickson, Beth Redinger, Lacey Kvam, and Pamela Seitz, 2013-2014
Residence Hall Head Residents.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________, 2013

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Relations and Affairs Chair

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Chair of the Senate