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Whereas, the governance and administration of the Montana University System (MUS) is vested within the Montana Board of Regents, which has the responsibility and authority to supervise, manage, coordinate and control the MUS;

Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents consists of seven members appointed by the Montana Governor and confirmed by the Montana Senate;

Whereas, one member of the board shall be a student appointed by the Governor who is a registered full-time student at a MUS institution;

Whereas, there is one current vacancy on the Montana Board of Regents;

Whereas, there will be a second vacancy on the Montana Board of Regents as Chair Angela McLean steps down to serve Montana as the Lieutenant Governor;

Whereas, the MUS enrolls more than 47,000 students each semester;

Whereas, an additional student member on the Board would allow for more student participation and input, particularly if one was a student at a Montana State University campus and one was a student at a University of Montana campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) supports the appointment of a second student to the Montana Board of Regents to fill one of the vacancies;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM fully endorses the permanent addition of a second Student Regent, one from the Montana State University side of the MUS and one from the University of Montana side of the MUS;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Steve Bullock, the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the Montana Associated Students.