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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding ASUM Sustainability Fee
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Sustainability Fee supports a variety of student-directed and facilitated projects on campus that are related to or focused on sustainability;

Whereas, the ASUM Sustainability Fee provides funding for the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator position and the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF), both of which impact the student body through outreach, activities, volunteer opportunities, and funding for grants and loans;

Whereas, the fee can be opted-out of which allows for students to choose whether or not they wish to pay it;

Whereas, the renewal period for the fee is based off of a biannual timeline, which is set to reset in the spring of 2013;

Whereas, the ASUM Sustainability Fee has a six-year sunset period that ends in the spring of 2014, making it necessary to renew it in the spring of 2013 in order for the Sustainability Coordinator and the KRELF program to continue;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM supports the student body vote on the renewal of the ASUM Sustainability Fee in the Spring of 2013 at $6.00 per semester as an opt-out fee for the purpose of providing funding for the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator as well as the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate approves the following language to be placed on the ballot in the April 2013 referendum and election process:

Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) and the ASUM Sustainability Fee

The ASUM Sustainability Fee is an optional $6 per student per semester fee that generates over $80,000 each year, which is dedicated to the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) and
the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator position. The fee would be opt-out to give students the
option of not supporting the fund.

___ Yes, I support the passage of an optional $6 per student per semester fee to continue the
Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) and the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
position.

___ No, I do not support the passage of an optional $6 per student per semester fee to continue
the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund and the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator position.

Passed by Committee: _______________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: ____________________, 2013

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Damara Simpson,                       Bryn Hagfors,
Relations and Affairs Chair          Chair of the Senate