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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Residence Life Student Conduct Policies
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SB93-12/13

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

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

Whereas, Residence Life employs approximately 72 students as resident assistants;

Whereas, residents pay over $1500 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 ASUM over the past year regarding Residence Life policy on student conduct;

Whereas, the 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;

Whereas, most drug and alcohol offenses committed within the residence halls that are documented as student conduct violations are addressed by Residence Life employees;

Whereas, there is no defined policy for addressing student conduct violations or criminal offenses within the residence halls;

Whereas, the Residence Life student staff have expressed concern to ASUM regarding the lack of productive consequences for repeat offenders of residence life policy such as alcohol abuse or drug abuse;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM requests implementation and advertisement of a uniform policy to address repeat offenders of alcohol and drug-related student conduct violations in the residence halls;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sandy Schoonover, director of Residence Life and Teresa Branch, VP of Student Affairs.

Passed by Committee: _______________________, 2013

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