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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Student Group Fee
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Whereas, the ASUM Senate experienced significant operational budget shortfalls during the fiscal years of 2011 and 2012;
Whereas, the ASUM Senate, during 2013 fiscal year budgeting withdrew funding from zero-base funds, decreased recommended amounts from ASUM agencies and funded only 11% of student group requests;
Whereas, student group activity on The University of Montana campus significantly impacts student retention and student recruitment;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the following proposed increase will account for a 15% non-negotiable obligation of the student activity fee to fund ASUM recognized student groups;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the following language be submitted to the April 2012 elections:
“The Associated Students of The University of Montana currently has a $33.00 Activity Fee it uses to fund its staff, operations, agencies and student group activities. ASUM proposes to increase its current fee by $6 to provide for much needed student group, music union and sports union funding. This 15% increase will exclusively be reserved for student group funding as a non-negotiable obligation of the student activity fee.

Do you support an increase of $6 to the ASUM fee for student group activities?

Yes, I support a $6 student group fee increase.

No, I do not support a $6 student group fee increase.”

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2012
Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________, 2012

Travis Suzuki,  
Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeff Edmunds,  
Chair of the Senate