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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding the UM Recycling Fee
March 30, 2011
Senate Bill SB33-10/11
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Whereas the UM Recycling Fee was introduced in 2003 at four dollars ($4) per semester and has not been increased in eight years;

Whereas the total annual tonnage of recycling collected at the University of Montana has increased by 438,000 lbs. since its 2003 levels;

Whereas UM Recycling currently employs 16 student-staff members and is regarded by the Director, Edi Stan, as being understaffed;

Whereas a total increase of two dollars to the Recycling Fee would create six new part-time student positions and allow UM Recycling to re-establish recycling at Family Housing and at Lewis and Clark Villages;

Whereas a total increase of two dollars to the recycling fee would allow UM Recycling to increase service at the Main COT campus and establish service at the West COT campus;

Whereas a total increase of two dollars would fund necessary work supplies such as fuel and services expenses to vehicles at about ten-thousand dollars;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorses sending the question of increasing the UM Recycling Fee by one dollar for the 2011/2012 school year ($5), and an additional dollar for the 2012/2013 ($6) to the 2011 elections;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM submits the following referendum language for the 2011 elections:

UM Recycling

UM Recycling was established in 2003 by a student vote requesting a campus recycling program at The University of Montana. The program currently handles around 730,000 pounds of recycling each year and currently functions off the $4.00 fee it was established with.
Due to increased levels of recycling and requests to expand services across campus, UM Recycling is requesting a $2.00 total increase to the Recycling Fee. The fee would be increased by $1.00 per year, for the next two years – making the total fee $6.00 per semester. This fee will be used to expand recycling services into new buildings and facilities while increasing the frequency of pickups at current facilities.

Do you support an increase to the Recycling Fee of $1.00 in 2011/2012 and an additional increase of $1.00 in 2012/2013? This is a total increase of $2.00 to the semester fee, over the next two years.

Yes, I support increasing the Recycling Fee from $4.00 to $6.00 over the next two years.

No, I do not support increasing the Recycling Fee from $4.00 to $6.00 over the next two years.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2011
Passed by ASUM Senate: _____________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki,                             Amanda Stovall,
Relations and Affairs Chair         Chair of the Senate