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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Student Mandates
September 24th, 2014
SB025-14/15
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Whereas, discrimination is defined by the University as:

Conduct that is based upon an individual’s...age...that excludes an individual from participation, denies the individual the benefits of, treats the individual differently or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of an individual’s...education...or participation in a University program or activity.

Whereas, there is significant overlap in themes found in PETSA and AlcoholEdu, as well as with the offline 'Beer Goggles' program;

Whereas, the mandated completion of PETSA at least once in addition to both parts of AlcoholEdu in one semester, for all incoming Freshman under 21 years of age, is an unnecessary inconvenience with three online tutorials in the period of less than four months;

Whereas, the initial email regarding AlcoholEdu stated that students with disabilities would be required to seek assistance themselves to complete said program, this is both negligent and unreasonable;

Whereas, the requirement that only students under 21 must complete AlcoholEdu implies that only underage students can benefit from the information provided by the program;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) finds the AlcoholEdu program to be discriminatory because the mandates and academic penalties only apply to students under the age of 21.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) asks that the Board of Regents re-evaluate their policy that only students younger than 21 are required to complete two online tutorials of AlcoholEdu.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution be sent to the following: the individual members of the Board of Regents; Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education; and Theresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Passed by Committee:
Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2014

Ashlynn Andersen,    Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair   Chair of the Senate