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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Constitutional Referenda
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) is responsible for advancing the educational interests of all students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, The Graduate Student Association (GSA) has on several occasion come before the ASUM senate to express the need to fund academic research and scholarship;

Whereas, The GSA has proposed a $1.50 fee to pay for this research and scholarship;

Whereas, The ASUM senate did not approve the above stated fee because they felt it was too large and had not shown enough interest by the student body;

Whereas, The Montana Board of Regents has made a research initiative package of fifteen million dollars a priority for the Montana State Legislature;

Whereas, Having student controlled money to also spend on research and scholarship would greatly help the research initiative;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that referenda language is to be placed on the Spring, 2015 ballot, reading as follows:

ASUM is requesting a $1.00 per student activity fee increase to fund a research and creative scholarship program. This fee increase would be dedicated to sponsoring undergraduate and graduate student research, academic presentation, and creative scholarship. This money will be spent entirely on students and will not be used for faculty or staff. This will be overseen by ASUM.

Yes, I support the increase in the activity fee by $1.00 for the funding of a student research and creative scholarship program.

No, I do not support the increase in the activity fee by $1.00 for the funding of a student research and creative scholarship program.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2014
Sarah Smith,    Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair    Chair of the Senate