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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding the Montana University System Tuition Freeze
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests of the entire student body;

Whereas, ASUM previously listed the extension of a tuition freeze as one of its legislative priorities for the 2015 Montana legislative session;

Whereas, a tuition freeze has the ability to make higher education affordable for many students;

Whereas, a tuition freeze has been seen to have some negative impacts on the University of Montana’s (UM) ability to provide services to its students;

Whereas, a tuition freeze is a highly contentious issue, and ASUM would directly benefit some students over others were it to lobby either for or against it;

Whereas, there is a precedent of ASUM voting to not take a stance on certain contentious issues such as concealed carry on campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM will remove the tuition freeze from its 2015 legislative priorities, and no longer advocate either for or against its extension;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Harry Haocheng Wang, ASUM Lobbyist; and Blayne Metz, ASUM Student Political Action Director.

Passed by Committee:
Passed by ASUM Senate: ____________________________, 2015

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