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The Associated Students of the University of Montana

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests of the University of Montana (UM) student body;

Whereas, Student success and retention is crucial to university success;

Whereas, Academic Advising at the University of Montana has proven inconsistent across campus departments;

Whereas, Consistent and comprehensive academic advising is crucial to the success of students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, The incorporation of academic advising alongside teaching, research, and service in the evaluation and incentivisation of faculty throughout the UM-UFA and UM-MCFA Collective Bargaining Agreements and Departmental Unit Standards would provide for more effective advising;

Whereas, There is no mandatory campus-wide advisor training seminar for all professional and faculty advisors to ensure that all advisors are up-to-date on major catalog changes and trained to use tools such as CyberBear, and Academic Planner, and DegreeWorks in student advising;

Whereas, There are no established “Best Practices for Undergraduate Advising” at the University of Montana;

Whereas, There is no incentive for faculty to provide quality advising,

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends the incorporation of academic advising alongside teaching, research, and service in the evaluation and incentivisation of faculty throughout the UM-UFA and UM-MCFA Collective Bargaining Agreement and Departmental Unit Standards;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends instituting a mandatory campus-wide advisor training seminar for all professional and faculty advisors to ensure that all advisors are up-to-date on major catalog changes and trained to use tools such as CyberBear, Academic Planner, and DegreeWorks in student advising;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends establishing and utilizing the “Best Practices for Undergraduate Advising” as developed by the ASUM ad hoc Advising Committee, the Office for Student Success, and the Undergraduate Advising Center;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends incentivizing faculty to provide high quality advising by including it as a consideration in merit-pay;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends adding number of advisees as a consideration when determining faculty workload;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM recommends ensuring that Student Evaluation Committees are convened whenever possible to ensure that students are fully involved in the Departmental faculty evaluation process;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to Sheila Stearns, Interim President; Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Larry Abramson, Dean, School of Journalism; Chris Comer, Dean, College of Humanities and Sciences; Tom DeLuca, Dean, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation; Roberta Evans, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences; Reed Humphrey, Dean, College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences; Stephen Kalm, Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts; Paul Kirgis, Dean, School of Law; Roger Maclean, Dean, School of Extended and Lifelong Learning; Shannon O’Brien, Dean, Missoula College; Christopher Shook, Dean, School of Business Administration;

Passed by Committee: ______________________________, 2017

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Courtney VonLindern, Elizabeth Engebretson
Chair of Advising Committee Chair of the Senate