

May 28-29, 2009

ITEM 143-2011-R0509

Authorization to Provide for Indexed Increases in all Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) Student Activity Fees; Montana State University

THAT:

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to increase the ASMSU student activity fees each year based on the consumer price index.

EXPLANATION:

1. The *ASMSU Student Activity Fee* includes the ASMSU Activity Fee, the ASMSU Intramural Fee, the ASMSU Sustainability Fee, and the ASMSU Bus Fee.
2. The students have previously approved indexing the individual ASMSU Activity Fee components.
 - a. The ASMSU Senate passed Resolution 05-R-04 by a vote of 16-0 to put an item on the Spring 2005 ballot requesting an increase in the ASMSU Student Activity Fee and that it be indexed in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and has calculated the CPI increases.
 - b. The students of ASMSU approved the item, voting in Spring 2005 to "index the Student Activity Fee to fund ASMSU programs for students."
3. The Regents have previously approved indexing the individual ASMSU Activity Fee components.
 - a. Item 127-101-R0505 passed with a vote of 7-0 on May 20, 2005, authorizing the indexing of the ASMSU Activity Fee;
 - b. Item 139-2009-R0508 passed with a vote of 7-0 on May 30, 2008, increasing the ASMSU Intramural Fee and affirming the indexing of the ASMSU Activity Fee.
4. In March 2009, the ASMSU Senate resolved to request that the Montana University System Board of Regents approve indexing all ASMSU Student Activity Fee components based on the Consumer Price Index, and that their resolution serve as a basis for a Board of Regents' Action Item requesting such approval.
5. Rather than merely approving the indexing of each separate fee component as it comes up for a vote, such action will clarify that a formal plan for indexing is endorsed by both the ASMSU Senate and the Board of Regents.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution passed by the Associated Students of Montana State University Senate: March 26, 2009