

1 **The Associated Student of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Fee**
3 **March 15, 2010**
4 **Senate Bill SB24-09/10**
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11 Whereas, all students, even those taking less than seven credits, need to access campus
12 and currently utilize ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) bus services;

13 Whereas all students benefit from the other services of ASUMOT including bike
14 ambassadors, cruiser coop, bike parking, semester bikes, trip planning on Mountain Line,
15 rideshare services, incentives, etc.;

16 Whereas, all students benefit from those that take the bus by reduced congestion and
17 cleaner air on campus;

18 Whereas, ASUMOT is experiencing overcrowding on buses and currently operates
19 busses that need replacement;

20 Whereas, requiring all students to pay the ASUM Transportation Fee will approximately
21 affect 770 students and raise \$40,000;

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23 Whereas, without ASUMOT, the University of Montana would have to invest heavily in
24 more parking. This would cost students more out of pocket and reduce campus green
25 space;

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27 Whereas, to meet demand and to keep buses repaired, ASUMOT needs all students to pay
28 the fee;

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30 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
31 (ASUM) supports a fee inclusion of the ASUM Transportation Fee to all students at the
32 University of Montana taking one or more credits;

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34 Let It Be Further Resolved that this fee inclusion will go into effect for the fall semester
35 of 2010;

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37 Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Office of Transportation will work to exclude
38 distance learning and student teachers from this fee inclusion provided that they are
39 taking less than 7 credits.

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