

ITEM 151-1009-R0511

Authorization to Provide for an Indexed Increase in the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Activity Fee; The University of Montana – Missoula

THAT

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana - Missoula to increase the ASUM Student Activity Fee each year based on the consumer price index. Indexed fee increases must continue to come before the Board of Regents for approval in May of odd number years.

EXPLANATION

The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) is the representative governing body for students. ASUM provides services to students through its agencies such as Legal Services, Sustainability Center, Off-Campus Renter Center, Transportation, Child Care and UM Productions. ASUM also allocates funding to each of its student groups each spring.

ASUM currently has a \$33.00 Activity Fee that is used to fund its staff and operations. ASUM proposes to change its fee structure in order to account for inflation. ASUM would index this fee in accordance with the Consumer Price Index in order to have an annual increase of 0% - 4% to cover rising costs.

Student action approved indexing the ASUM Student Activity Fee.

A. The ASUM Senate passed Senate Bill SB37-10/11; Resolution Regarding Indexing on April 13, 2011. The Senate Bill called for referendum language for the April 2011 elections regarding the indexing of the ASUM Fee.

B. Students of The University of Montana-Missoula approved the item by a vote of 1,577 in favor and 1,031 against during the April 2011 elections.

Attachment:

Resolution passed by the ASUM Senate and students of The University of Montana – Missoula