

1 **The Associated Students of Helena College**
2 **Proposal Regarding the ASHC Student Fee Increase**
3 **December 10, 2018**

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13 Whereas, the Associated Students of Helena College (ASHC) is the official representative body
14 of the students of the Helena College;

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16 Whereas, the ASHC Constitution reads as follows:

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18 *We, the student body of Helena College University of Montana, have the right and*
19 *collective authority of self-governance and the enhancement of our education. In order to*
20 *preserve and further these aims; to promote understanding and involvement among all*
21 *members of the College community; to represent, advocate, and promulgate the interests*
22 *of the student body; to serve as liaisons in the administrative processes of Helena*
23 *College; to protect our right to govern ourselves and accept responsibility of promoting*
24 *the quality of student life; to be the official voice of students in academic, institutional*
25 *and campus affairs;*

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27 Whereas, all Associated Student clubs and organizations within the Helena College are
28 representatives recognized by ASHC;

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30 Whereas, the ASHC student fee is \$15 per student each semester and is used in a variety of ways
31 such as: club funding, campus-wide events, and student scholarships. This fee has been in place
32 for over 15 years and is very outdated. Currently, ASHC has the lowest student government fee
33 within the Montana University System, excluding community colleges. Other MUS two year
34 schools, such as Great Falls College, have \$30 student fees in place. Although, a low fee may
35 seem favorable, ASHC is not able to effectively meet the needs of the diverse student groups at
36 Helena College.

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38 Whereas, in order to effectively serve all students of Helena College, ASHC proposes to raise
39 student fees to \$35 each semester. ASHC finds this fee increase justifiable due to outdated
40 student fees, and ASHC's growing presence on campus. With increased fees, ASHC would be
41 better able to support all student clubs, host more events on campus, increase ASHC sponsored
42 student scholarships, and potentially hire a Student Activities Coordinator position. During fall
43 semester 2018, ASHC held open forums and conducted surveys to keep all Helena College
44 students informed and involved in the fee increase discussion. The results of these efforts
45 showed support from the majority of the Helena College student population.

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47 Whereas, Board of Regents Policy 940.12.1 , Board Policy D reads as follows:

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49 *The associated student governments of the Montana University System will be given*
50 *opportunity to take part in discussion with the Board of Regents concerning any changes*
51 *in tuition or fees. Before approving or increasing any fee, the Board of Regents will give*
52 *the duly constituted student government organization the opportunity to express student*
53 *opinion regarding the fee. Such expression will be based on formal actions of the student*
54 *senate or a student referendumⁱ.*

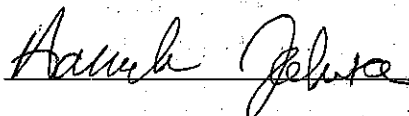
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56 Whereas, Board of Regents Policy 940.12.1, Definition B, subsection 3, reads as follows:

57 *Student driven fees – are fees proposed through the student government organization on*
58 *a given campus that students have had the opportunity to vote in support or opposition of.*
59 *Only in the case that a fee is supported by a majority of voting students may a fee be*
60 *presented as a student driven fee to the campus administration for possible inclusion into*
61 *the schedule of tuition and fees presented to the Board of Regents for approval in the*
62 *fiscal year in which the proposal was voted on by the studentsⁱⁱ.*

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64 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of Helena College (ASHC) is
65 requesting to raise the ASHC student fee from \$15 to \$35 per semester.

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67 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this proposal be sent to the following
68 individuals as soon as possible: Kirk Lacy, Interim Dean of Helena College; Sandra Brunner,
69 Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs of Helena College; Russ Filner, Chief
70 Financial Officer of Helena College; Nathan Munn, Faculty Senate Chair of Helena College;
71 Jessie Pate, Staff Senate Chair of Helena College.

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75 Passed by ASHC Senate: Dec. 12, 2018

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