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ITEM #185-1603-R1119

Request for Authorization to Restructure and Rename the Current Radio Station/Recycling Fee—The Associated Students of the University of Montana Western

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policies 940.12.1 (Tuition and Fee Approval) and 940.3 (Mandatory Fees), the Board of Regents approves an off-cycle request for a student driven fee brought forward by the Associated Students of UMW (ASUMW), in conjunction with UMW Administration, that will restructure the current Radio Station/Recycling fee. On October 7, 2019, ASUMW voted on a proposal to rename, restructure, and increase the current Radio/Recycling Fee by \$5. ASUMW unanimously voted 14-0 in favor of the fee increase and renaming/restructuring proposal based on a survey of the student body of UMW. These funds are solely controlled by the student government association, ASUMW. Wherein the restructuring will include the renaming of the fee to Communication, Development, and Technology fee; wherein the fee will be increased from \$20 per semester to \$25 per semester starting Spring 2020.

EXPLANATION

The Associated Students of UMW (ASUMW) and UMW have been presented with the opportunity to develop and implement a comprehensive UMW App that will be further enhanced by a technology implementation grant through Campus Consortium and Unified. Users will have access to key resources such as financial aid, registration, advising, and alerts in an easy to use campus wide app that will integrate with existing databases. ASUMW supports the restructuring and increase of the current fee to provide the UMW app, campus radio, and other long-term communication developments to all students, faculty, and staff of the university through the utilization of both existing and new funds that will be made available through this proposal.

Adding \$5 to the current fee will ensure funding of the app for the next 5 years regardless of pending grant funding. The \$25 proposed fee will generate approximately \$66,950.00 in revenue per year to support the UMW app, campus radio, and other communication applications. This is an annual increase in revenue of approximately \$13,390.00 based on enrollment data provided by the UMW Registrar.

Students enrolled in 1 credit or more would be assessed a flat fee each semester and would be eligible to use the UMW App as well as continue to utilize other services such as the campus radio. Currently, students enrolled in fewer than 7 credits pay \$18 per semester for the Radio Station/Recycling Fee. The restructured fee of \$25 per semester will be assessed to all students enrolled in 1 credit or more; there will no longer be a fee reduction for students taking fewer than 7 credits.

Per semester fees are proposed as follows:

	FY20 Fee	FY20 Proposed
Amount	\$20.00	\$25.00
Dollar Increase		\$ 5.00
Percent Increase		25%

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Fee Schedule—The University of Montana Western

Attachment #2 – Student Resolution

Attachment #3 – Survey Data, Information and Rationale