

1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Restructuring the ASUM Activity Fee**  
3                                   **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
4                                   **SB59 – 19/20**

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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) provides a host of  
9       agencies that assist in the recruitment, retention, and general welfare of students on campus, as  
10      well as oversees and funds all recognized student groups on campus;

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12      Whereas, ASUM currently oversees the following agencies: ASUM Childcare, ASUM Legal  
13      Services, ASUM Office of Transportation, ASUM Renter Center/UM Food Pantry, ASUM  
14      Sustainability Center;

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16      Whereas, ASUM currently oversees more than 150 student groups on campus, provides these  
17      groups with the resources to fulfill their missions, and provides students with the opportunity to  
18      pursue their passions by finding a community that speaks to them;

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20      Whereas, Students that are taking six (6) or less credits at the University of Montana (UM) can  
21      opt into the fee;

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23      Whereas, Students that choose not to opt into the fee and later want to utilize some ASUM  
24      services are unable to do so due to not paying the fee;

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26      Whereas, The ASUM Bylaws requires that student groups have 85% of their membership be fee  
27      paying students, thus causing student groups with significant part time student participation to be  
28      barred from recognition;

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30      Whereas, ASUM believes that every UM student should have access to its services and student  
31      groups and that no student should be turned away from its services as a result of having not paid  
32      the ASUM Student Activity fee;

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34      Whereas, All students benefit from the unwavering advocacy provided by ASUM regardless of  
35      the amount of credits they are enrolled in;

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37      Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the following ballot language be added to an ASUM student  
38      referenda during the spring election cycle:

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40      “The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is proposing a restructure of  
41      their fee to include a rate of \$35 per semester for any student taking six (6) credits or less.  
42      Currently, any part-time student can choose to opt into the fee. Students that choose not to opt  
43      into the fee cannot access ASUM Services and are not deemed fee paying students when  
44      participating in Student Groups. Students who fall into this part-time fee bracket will have access  
45      to all ASUM Services. For these reasons, ASUM is asking to restructure the Student Activity  
46      fee.”

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48 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I support changing the opt in choice for students taking less than six (6)  
49 credits to \$35 per semester.

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51 \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not support changing the opt in choice for students taking less than six (6)  
52 credits to \$35 per semester.;

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54 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Shane St. Onge, Chair of  
55 the Elections Committee; Paul Lasiter, Vice President of Operations and Finance; Tyler Trevor,  
56 Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning, Chief of Staff.

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59 Passed by Committee: February 2nd, 2020

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61 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 19th, 2020

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65 Noah Durnell,  
66 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Ethan Hanley  
Ethan Hanley,  
Chair of the Senate

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70 Shane St. Onge,  
71 Chair of the Elections Committee

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74 Passed by ASUM Senate: 15Y, 2N, 1A