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Increasing Student Fee Expense Transparency



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Yes ___ No ___ Abs ___

Date: _____

MAS President Signature: _____

Vote Necessary: Majority

1 **Intent:** Increase student fee expense transparency across the Montana University System.

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3 **Whereas,** the Montana Associated Students (MAS) represents the interests of over 40,000
4 students at the Montana University System (MUS);

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6 **Whereas,** the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education (BOR) Policy and Procedures
7 Manual (PPM) 940.3 Board Policy, § Approval Requirements, Subsection 1(A), states:

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9 “When a construction project to be financed by new or existing building fees in an
10 amount more than \$200,000, an election or survey of student opinion shall be
11 conducted by the duly constituted student government organization on the
12 proposition. The determination of which means of ascertaining student views is to
13 be used shall be made by the campus administration in consultation with the
14 student government.”;

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16 **Whereas,** the BOR PPM 940.12.1 Board Policy, §§ D(1)-3) lays out a robust framework for
17 involving the duly constituted student government organization (“student government”) in the
18 approving or increasing of any fee and ensures proper information is presented to the student
19 government to approve or increase any fee;

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21 **Whereas,** if the student government is expected to gather student views when there is a
22 construction project in an amount more than \$200,000, which will be financed by a new or
23 existing building fee, the student government should be kept informed on the workings of and
24 expenditures of that existing fee;

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Whereas, the BOR PPM guidance does not contemplate involving students in the workings of and expenditures of any fee after approval is absent; and,

Whereas, the BOR PPM does not contemplate any disclosures or reporting on fee expenditures after approval to the student government;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Montana Associated Students supports the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education establishing a framework in the Policy and Procedures Manual to provide institutional guidance on implementing a scheduled student fee expenditure reporting system to student governments; and,

Resolved, the MAS supports the BOR to establish a framework in the PPM to provide institutional guidance on involving student governments in the expenditure process of a student fee.