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Support for Board of Regents Annual Fee Review

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Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To affirm the support of the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) for the Board of Regents to move to an Annual Student Fee Review;

Whereas, ASMSU represents the students of Montana State University and obligated to take action on items and programs that are supported by the majority of the student body;

Whereas, student-driven fee initiatives are voted on by the student body as a whole and only brought to the Board of Regents if a majority of the student body supports said fee initiatives; and, the Montana State Board of Regents only accepts student fee increase proposals on a biennium basis (every other year);

Whereas, this creates issues because, ASMSU Executives and Senators often only serve a one-year term; which would not guarantee a supported fee to be brought to the Board of Regents on an off fee voting year;

Whereas, some fees supported by students are for programming that fulfills an immediate need and cannot wait for the biennium;

Whereas, if a fee initiative is supported by the student body in a freely held election, it would be inappropriate to deny students the ability to support the programming they voted for;

Therefore, let it be resolved that: that ASMSU encourages the Montana State Board of Regents to allow for annual fee proposals only specific to student-driven fee initiatives.

Let it be further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to: BOR, Regent Fran Albrecht; BOR, Regent William Johnstone; BOR, Regent Jeffery Krauss; BOR, Regent Major Robinson; BOR, Regent Martha Sheehy; BOR, Regent Paul Tuss; BOR, Student Regent Mariah Williams; Montana Associated Students, Asa Hohman; ASUM President, Asa Hohman; ASUM-Western President, Brandon Hansen; Helena College President, Christian Arp; ASMT, Kirstie McPherson; ASMSU President, Destini French; ASMSU-Billings President, Brandon Barnhart; ASMSU Northern President, Andrew Potter; Great Falls College President, Erin Withrow; Clayton Christian, The Commissioner of Higher Education; President Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University; Terry Leist, the Vice President of Administration and Finance; Marianne Brough, ASMSU Director of Operations; Erin Murdock, ASMSU Exponent.