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Affirmation of Support for the Strategic Program Alignment between the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) and the Office of Activities and Engagement (OAE)

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Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To affirm the support of the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) for the strategic program alignment between ASMSU and the Office of Activities and Engagement (OAE).

Whereas, ASMSU and OAE have similar and complementary missions,
- "ASMSU is the voice of the students, dedicated to enhancing the college experience at Montana State University with leadership and employment opportunities, diverse student oriented programs and services, and responsible fiscal management of student activity fees."
- "OAE’s mission is to provide the campus community with resources and opportunities to engage students both within and beyond the academic classroom to build future leaders and active citizens."

Whereas, collaborations and shared service positions between ASMSU and OAE have been beneficial for students and program operations, by improving service quality and increasing engagement opportunities that contribute to MSU’s strategic plan; and,

Whereas, the vacancy in the OAE Director position creates an opportunity to reevaluate and reorganize state funding to promote strategic collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and improved services for students at the institutional level; and,

Whereas, ASMSU and OAE collaborate extensively to accomplish mutual goals in special events, club funding, outdoor program requests, Opening Weeks events, service opportunities, and other projects; and,

Whereas, aligning ASMSU and OAE services and staff will contribute to establishing a culture of student engagement and increase the value and influence of the MSU community.

Therefore, let it be resolved: ASMSU expresses support for the strategic program alignment between ASMSU and OAE to form a single organization with the intention to create a highly visible campus hub that fosters a culture of student engagement, employing the models of service excellence and shared administrative services.
Let it be even further resolved: that a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University; Dr. Chris Kearns, MSU Vice President for Student Success; Terry Leist, MSU Vice President for Administration and Finance; Dr. Matthew Caires, Dean of Students; Jeff Bondy, MSU Director of Residence Life; Marianne Brough, ASMSU Director of Operations; Mandy St. Aubyn, OAE Program Manager; Ariel Donohue, Program Manager, MSU Diversity Awareness Office; Levi Birky, ASMSU President; and Erin Murdock, MSU Exponent.