RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 17 November 2016

Whereas, There is a need to facilitate dialogue within issues affecting diversity, and fundamental principles in the community at Montana State University; and

Whereas, ASMSU has always been a supporter of diversity on campus and within the Bozeman community; and

Whereas, There are members of diverse groups that attend Montana State University; and

Whereas, We know differences in opinion can create conflicts; and

Whereas, We support open dialogue through public comment at ASMSU Senate meetings, inviting guest speakers, forums, and panels of experts to campus; and

Whereas, ASMSU will refrain from reaching a conclusion that contradicts the values and opinions of the student majority or that may oppress the minority; and,

Whereas, MSU, the state’s land grant institution, educates students, creates knowledge and art, and serves communities by integrating learning, discovery, and engagement; now, therefore, let it be,

Resolved, that ASMSU publicly supports the efforts of peaceful and respectable advocacy by the students of Montana State University; and

Resolved, that a Controversial Issues Taskforce be created with the intention of encouraging collaborative dialogues with the ultimate purpose of allowing students to voice opinions on contentious issues and aid the university in approaching student-led issues. The task force will have membership that spans campus and the Bozeman community and will be an opportunity for students from all backgrounds with different opinions to voice concerns to university leadership in a safe, accepting environment.

Matthew Campbell – Senate Speaker Pro Tempore