Support for a Student Health Service Needs Assessment

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Yes 18 No – Abs -
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Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To express the support of Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) for a needs assessment to evaluate the current space requirements for the Student Health Service (SHS).

Whereas, the oldest portion of the Swingle Building was built in the 1950s with an additional space added in the 1970s; and,

Whereas, roughly 73% of students use SHS at least once per year; and,

Whereas, during recent accreditation visits, both the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care and the International Association of Counseling Services have noted serious deficiencies with the physical facilities; and,

Whereas, the current Swingle Building has the same staff and physical space for 15,000 students as it had for 11,000; and,

Whereas, many clinical spaces of SHS are too small to provide care properly and efficiently; and,

Whereas, there is no plan for the SHS building in the current 25 year plan; and,

Whereas, although the SHS has implemented a number of productivity improvements to accommodate a larger student population, the increased demand has led to longer wait times; and,

Whereas, due to the convenience SHS provides, SHS is an integral factor in both our student insurance plan, and in recruiting future students.

Therefore, let it be resolved that: the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) support a needs assessment, conducted by an independent architect/engineering firm, to evaluate the space requirements of the Student Health and Counseling programs (SHS).

Let it be further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Waded Cruzado, MSU President; Jim Mitchell, Director of Student Health Service; Chris Fastnow, Interim Director Office of Planning and Analysis; Nancy Cornwell, Chair of University Facilities Planning Board; Robert Marley, Interim Vice President for Student Success; Robert Lashaway, Assoc. Vice President for University Services; Pat Donahoe, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services; and Julie Donagan, ASMSU Exponent.