

2011-R-16
Wilson Hall Writing Center Project

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Yes 16 No 0 Abs
Date: Sept. 15, 2011

Vote Necessary: Majority

- 1 **Intent:** To affirm the support of ASMSU for using Academic R&R funds to improve the
2 facilities of the Writing Center located in Wilson Hall.
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4 **Whereas,** Use of the Writing Center services is continually increasing; and,
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6 **Whereas,** During the academic year, 2010-2011, there were 3393 visits utilizing the services
7 provided for free at the writing center, most of them in the form of 30 minute consultations; and,
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9 **Whereas,** The writing center has become a campus-wide resource with only 24% of visits during
10 the 2011 spring semester coming from the College of Letters and Science while the rest are now
11 coming from the other colleges; and,
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13 **Whereas,** Every year, there are hundreds of students who are turned away from the center
14 because of lack of consultation space or an available tutor; and,
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16 **Whereas,** An improvement to the facilities of the Writing Center in Wilson Hall would
17 ultimately lead to easier utilization of services provided and would help improve student success;
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20 **Whereas,** Academic R&R funds raised from student fees may be used towards debt service or
21 towards appropriate building projects with an academic focus; and,
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23 **Whereas,** There is an excess of current Academic R&R funds, which allows for the excess
24 money to be used for expenditures on academically oriented projects such as the Wilson Hall
25 Writing Center project; and,
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27 **Therefore, let it be resolved that:** The Associated Students of Montana State University
28 approve of using Academic R&R funds for the Wilson Hall Writing Center Project.
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30 **Let it be further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to Waded Cruzado, MSU
31 President; Walt Banziger, Director FPDC; Joe Fedock, Chair UFPB; Blake Bjornsen, ASMSU
32 President; Kirk Branch, Writing Center Director; and Helen Hadley Porter, Writing Center
33 Coordinator.