

1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Student Group Fee**
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4 **Senate Bill Number: SB39-11/12**

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9 **and Anna Kendall, ASUM Sports Union President**

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11 Whereas, the ASUM Senate experienced significant operational budget shortfalls during the
12 fiscal years of 2011 and 2012;

13 Whereas, the ASUM Senate, during 2013 fiscal year budgeting withdrew funding from zero-base
14 funds, decreased recommended amounts from ASUM agencies and funded only 11% of student
15 group requests;

16 Whereas, student group activity on The University of Montana campus significantly impacts
17 student retention and student recruitment;

18 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the following proposed increase will account for a 15% non-
19 negotiable obligation of the student activity fee to fund ASUM recognized student groups;

20 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the following language be submitted to the April 2012
21 elections:

22 “The Associated Students of The University of Montana currently has a \$33.00 Activity Fee it
23 uses to fund its staff, operations, agencies and student group activities. ASUM proposes to
24 increase its current fee by \$6 to provide for much needed student group, music union and sports
25 union funding. This 15% increase will exclusively be reserved for student group funding as a
26 non-negotiable obligation of the student activity fee.

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28 Do you support an increase of \$6 to the ASUM fee for student group activities?

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30 Yes, I support a \$6 student group fee increase.

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32 No, I do not support a \$6 student group fee increase.”

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35 Passed by Committee: _____, 2012

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38 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2012

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