

ITEM 147-1016-R0510

Extend ASUM Transportation Fee for Part-Time Students; The University of Montana – Missoula.

THAT

Consistent with the BOR Policy 940.12.1 (Tuition and Fee Approval) and BOR Policy 506.1 (Student Participation in Fee Decisions) the Board of Regents of the Montana University System approves including part-time students in the assessment of the ASUM Transportation Fee.

EXPLANATION

Currently, students taking 7 or more credits are assessed \$26 per semester for the ASUM Transportation Fee. Students taking less than 7 credits are not assessed the Transportation Fee. However, these part-time students benefit from all the services provided by the ASUM Office of Transportation including Park-n-Ride bus services, bike ambassadors, cruiser co-op, bike parking, semester bikes, and Mountain Line bus services. Since all students, both full-time and part-time, benefit from these services it is only equitable that part-time students pay their fair share.

On March 10, 2010 a resolution supporting the inclusion of part-time students, at a rate of \$13 per semester, in the assessment of the Transportation Fee was passed by Student Senate. The students further resolved to exclude distance learning and student teachers from this fee inclusion provided they are taking less than 7 credits.

Ridership on the ASUM Transportation buses is expected to reach 375,000 for the current academic year. To support this demand, new buses have been purchased. The repair and maintenance of an “aging fleet” has driven expenses up significantly. Additional revenues, estimated at \$40,000 per year, will be used to offset these expenses as well as support the debt service for new buses.

ATTACHMENTS

Student Referendum