

May 20, 2020

**ITEM 188-1015-R0520**

**Request for Approval to Restructure the ASUM Activity Fee – The University of Montana Missoula**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents approves an off-cycle request for a student driven fee brought forward by the Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM), in conjunction with UM Administration, requesting authorization, in accordance with Board of Regents' Policy 940.12.1, to restructure the ASUM Activity fee to include a rate of \$35 per semester for any student taking six (6) credits or fewer.

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**EXPLANATION**

The Associated Students of the University of Montana currently oversees the following agencies: ASUM Childcare, ASUM Legal Services, ASUM Office of Transportation, ASUM Renter Center/UM Food Pantry, ASUM Sustainability Center. ASUM currently oversees more than 150 student groups on campus, provides these groups with the resources to fulfill their missions, and provides students with the opportunity to pursue their passions by finding a community that speaks to them.

Currently, any part-time student can choose to opt into the fee. Students that choose not to opt into the fee cannot access ASUM Services and are not deemed fee paying students when participating in Student Groups. Students that are taking six (6) or less credits at the University of Montana (UM) can opt into the fee. Students that choose not to opt into the fee and later want to utilize some ASUM services are unable to do so due to not paying the fee. ASUM believes that every UM student should have access to its services and student groups and that no student should be turned away from its services as a result of having not paid the ASUM Student Activity fee.

The ASUM Bylaws requires that student groups have 85% of their membership be fee paying students, thus causing student groups with significant part time student participation to be barred from recognition. ASUM believes that every UM student should have access to its services and student groups and that no student should be turned away from its services as a result of having not paid the ASUM Student Activity fee. All students benefit from the unwavering advocacy provided by ASUM regardless of the amount of credits in which they are enrolled.

The following chart represents the proposed change to the ASUM Student Activity fee.

COURSE CREDITS	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
1	\$0	\$35
2	\$0	\$35
3	\$0	\$35
4	\$0	\$35
5	\$0	\$35
6	\$0	\$35

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Fee Schedule

Attachment #2: ASUM Resolution SB59