



**ASMSU 2025-R-09**  
**Resolution in Support of the Intramural Fee Increase**

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**Yes: 18 No: 0 Senators Present: 18**  
**First Reading:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Second Reading:** March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Vote Necessary:** Majority

**ASMSU Senate Speaker**

**Intent:** The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) support the proposed Intramural fee increase for FY 2025 and FY 2026 and advocate for continued support of the Student Wellness Center mission.

**Whereas**, in April 2020, Montana State University (MSU) students passed a fee to construct the Student Wellness Center (SWC). Student input was sought during the design process to ensure the facility effectively serves the needs and desires of the student body; and,

**Whereas**, in March 2023, ASMSU passed a resolution in support of an Intramural (IM) fee increase for FY 2024 and 2025. This fee increase was adopted to build on the momentum of the SWC by supporting the staffing of more students, the enhancement of programming, and an increase in access to services; and,

**Whereas**, the mission of the SWC is to provide services and support for student and community health and well-being by uniting the three departments of Campus Recreation, Counseling & Psychological Services, and Student Health Services. The core values of the SWC are student-centricity, inclusion, continued growth, integrity, and whole-person wellbeing; and,

**Whereas**, the IM fee is the primary source of funding for the Campus Recreation department, such as fitness facility staffing, the Outdoor Recreation Program, Club and Intramural Sports, and personal and group fitness programs. The IM fee also contributes to the staffing of the climbing wall and aquatics programs. The services and programming provided by the IM fee offer students a low- or no-cost opportunity to enhance personal and community health and wellness; and,

**Whereas**, the Office of Administration and Finance brought forth the Intramural (IM) fee increase proposal to ASMSU at the Senate Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This student fee presentation, hosted by Megan Lasso, proposed a 40% (\$17.40) increase to the Intramural Fee over the next two fiscal years. As a result, the total fee amount will be \$47.46 per student in FY 2026 and \$56.95 per student in FY 2027; and,



1 **Whereas**, the average monthly cost of a basic fitness center membership in Bozeman ranges  
2 from \$50 to \$65, excluding additional costs for programming, training, special facility use, and  
3 other services; and,

4 **Whereas**, the opening and maintenance of the SWC and its services requires an increase in  
5 funding to support livable wages, enabling the retention of more student employees and  
6 professional staff. The expansion of the facility's size and offerings, including aquatics, the bike  
7 and ski shop, the climbing wall, and larger intramural programs, necessitates additional staff  
8 compared to years prior. These expanded services also demand professional certifications--  
9 such as fitness, lifeguard and aquatics certifications, as well as higher leadership training-- all of  
10 which should be fairly compensated; and,

11 **Whereas**, the expansion of the SWC to a larger space with more specialized program areas  
12 requires increased labor and attention to detail to maintain a high standard cleanliness, upkeep,  
13 and improvement. This includes ensuring the proper maintenance of student-valued  
14 programming and equipment, as well as addressing the growing demands for diverse and high-  
15 quality services to meet their evolving needs; and,

16 **Whereas**, students value the various programs and services supported by the IM fee and  
17 endorse the mission of the SWC; now, therefore, be it

18 **Resolved**, ASMSU strongly encourages the Board of Regents to pass the intramural fee  
19 increase and to continue to advance student wellness by monitoring the sufficiency of the IM  
20 fee; and,

21 **Further resolved**, submit this resolution to: Regent Loren Bough; Regent Joyce Dombrowski;  
22 Regent Jeff Southworth; Regent Dean Folkvord; Regent Heather Hoyer; Student Regent, Raina  
23 Mortenson; Chair of Montana University System Board of Regents, Todd Buchanan; President  
24 of Montana State University, Dr. Waded Cruzado; Vice President of Administration and Finance,  
25 Terry Leist; Assistant Vice President of Accounting and Finance, Duane Morris; Associate Vice  
26 President for University Budgets and Financial Services, Megan Lasso; Dean of Students, Matt  
27 Caires; Vice President of Communications, Tracy Ellig; Vice President of Student Success,  
28 Steve Swinford; Interim AVP of Student Wellness, Betsy Asserson; Director of Campus  
29 Recreation, Spencer Sorensen; ASMSU President, Jacob Zink; ASMSU Business Manager, Will  
30 Brazda; the MSU Exponent, and KGLT Radio.