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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding COT West Campus**
3 **March 9, 2011**
4 **Senate Bill SB22-10/11**
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6 **Sponsored by: Dylan Klapmeier, ASUM Senator**
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9 Whereas it is essential that the students of The University of Montana are ensured safety
10 in the learning environment;

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12 Whereas not all of the current welding lab exhaust vents are in a properly working state at
13 The University of Montana College of Technology West Campus;

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15 Whereas the exhaust vents are crucial to preventing the build up of Hexavalent
16 Chromium welding fumes which poses a serious threats to COT students such as
17 increased risks of lung cancer, asthma, nasal septum ulcerations and perforations, skin
18 ulcerations (chrome holes) and allergic and irritant contact dermatitis;

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20 Whereas on February 28, 2006 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issues
21 a new standards related to exposure of hexavalent chromium lowering the permissible
22 exposure limit from 52 to five micrograms due to exposure being so harmful;

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24 Whereas the two ways to extract these harmful fumes from the breathing zone, (a) fume
25 extraction directly on the welding gun or torch and (b) source capture using a dust or
26 fume collection device;

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28 Whereas the COT West Campus currently has a source capturing device but it is
29 currently dysfunctional;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved the Associated Students of The University of Montana
32 advocate the administration of the ~~COT West Campus~~ *University of Montana* fix the
33 source capturing device to ensure student air quality *for students*.
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36 Passed by the Committee: _____, 2011
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38 Passed by the ASUM Senate: _____, 2011
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43 Travis Suzuki,
44 Relations and Affairs Chair

Amanda Stovall,
Chair of the Senate