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1	The Associated Students of the University of Montana		
2	Resolution Regarding the Davidson Honors College Director of External Scholarships and		
3	Advising		
4	March 9 th , 2016		
5	SB40-15/16		
6	Authored by: Caleb Chestnut, ASUM Senator;		
7	Sponsored by:		
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9	Whereas, the University of Montana (UM) is in the midst of a significant budget crisis;		
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11	Whereas, UM has chosen to lay off 27 faculty and staff members as a result of the crisis;		
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13	Whereas, the Davidson Honors College chose not to renew the contract of the Director of		
14	External Scholarships and Advising, effective June 30th;		
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16	Whereas, the services provided by this office are not only unique to the campus, but are		
17	accessible to all UM students, not just members of the Davidson Honors College;		
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19	Whereas, quality advising has become increasingly difficult for UM students to attain;		
20	Whomas this office has given hundreds of students the magnineful evidence that they seek in a		
21 22	Whereas, this office has given hundreds of students the meaningful guidance that they seek in a liberal arts education;		
23	noeral arts education,		
23 24	Whereas, the office's students have been the recipients of 15 Udall scholarships and five (5)		
25	honorable mentions, four (4) Truman scholarships, four (4) Goldwater scholarships, and		
26	numerous Fulbright and Rhodes scholars, among many other scholarships;		
27	numerous I dioright and Knodes scholars, among many other scholarships,		
28	Whereas, the ability to receive these prestigious scholarships to study or do research, whether		
29	abroad or at home, draws students to UM;		
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31	Whereas, these scholarships may help launch a student's career or enable them to conduct		
32	innovative research;		
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34	Whereas, these scholarships are extremely competitive;		
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36	Whereas, effective advisors are essential in the process of applying for these scholarships;		
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38	Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana		
39	(ASUM) encourages the University of Montana (UM) administration to provide funding for a		
40	Director of External Scholarships;		
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42	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests that UM fill this position with an		
43	employee who has proven experience guiding countless students to successfully apply for the		
44	scholarships that have strengthened the college careers of UM students and supported the		
45	reputation of the school;		
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47	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Royce Engstrom, UM		
48	President; Perry Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mike Reid, Vice		
49	President for Administration and Finance; Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs;		
50	Brock Tessman, Dean of the Davidson Honors College; and Dala Gant, Director of Scholarships		
51	in the Financial Aid Office.		
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54	Passed by Committee:	, 2016	
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56	Passed by ASUM Senate:	, 2016	
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61	Kaitlin Hopingardner	Betsy Story	
62	Chair of Relations and Affairs	Chair of the Senate	