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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Student Generated Fees**
3 **March 20, 2013**
4 **SB63-12/13**

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8 Whereas, the Montana Board of Regents policy 940.12.1 concerning Tuition and Fee Approval
9 states “Approval of a schedule of tuition and fees will take place once every two years; normally
10 during the May meeting of odd numbered years.”;

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12 Whereas, elected student government leaders have one year terms to accomplish their goals;

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14 Whereas, the authority of elected student leaders to effectively meet the needs of their current
15 constituencies is limited by policy 940.12.1;

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17 Whereas, elected student government leaders remain diligent in their attention to cost of
18 attendance and quality of provided services;

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20 Whereas, elected student government leaders, in an effort to keep consistent the quality of
21 services, may deem necessary the creation of a new student fee or an increase of an existing
22 student fee on years in which tuition and fees are not reviewed by the Montana Board of
23 Regents;

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25 Whereas, the May 2012 reviews of The University of Montana Student Group Fee, MontPIRG
26 Fee, and the Montana State University Exponent Fee stand as examples of the disparity between
27 policy 940.12.1 and the capacity of elected student leaders to meet students’ needs.

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29 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana
30 support amending Montana Board of Regents policy 940.12.1 Tuition and Fee Approval to
31 include “Student generated fees will be considered annually at the May Board of Regents’
32 meeting. A student generated fee shall be defined as any fee that the associated students of a
33 Montana University System campus has authority to enact and disperse according to their
34 governing documents.”

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Commissioner
37 Clay Christian, Montana University System; Chair Angela McLean, Montana Board of Regents;
38 Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson, Montana University System; and President Charlie
39 Brown, Montana Associated Students.

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41 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013
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44 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013
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49 Damara Simpson,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

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49 Bryn Hagfors,
 Chair of the Senate