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1	The Associated Students of the University of Montana
2	Resolution Regarding the University of Montana Student Conduct Code
3	April 15, 2015
4	SB87-14/15
5	Authored by: Cody Meixner, ASUM Senator
6	Sponsored by:
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8	Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the
9	interests of the student body;
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11	Whereas, the health and safety of students at the University of Montana (UM) is of vital
12	importance;
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14	Whereas, without the incentive of some kind of amnesty, underage UM students are less
15	likely to contact medical services or the police in unsafe or even life-threatening
16	situations, especially those that involve alcohol or other drugs;
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18	Whereas, over 100 colleges around the country have 'Good Samaritan' policies regarding
19	alcohol amnesty;
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21	Whereas, the University of Montana Police Department and UM administration already
22	practice loose forms of unspoken amnesty policies;
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24	Whereas, a section of the UM Discrimination and Sexual Harassment policy, separate
25	from the Student Conduct Code, is already devoted to amnesty;
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27	Whereas, incorporating similar language into the UM Student Conduct Code would make
28	students more aware that they can seek medical help for their peers, even under the
29	influence, without the threat of being found in violation of UM policy;
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31	Whereas, introducing this language to the UM Student Conduct Code would encourage
32	under-age UM students to seek medical help for themselves and their peers;
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34	Whereas, UM students should be aware that actions related to their intoxication, such as
35	disorderly conduct, are still violations of the UM Student Conduct Code and can result in
36	disciplinary charges;
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38	Whereas, this language should be at the forefront of the UM Student Conduct Code, so as
39	to ensure that students can easily access it;
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41	Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM recommends, as the University of Montana
42	administration work to revise and modernize the UM Student Conduct Code, the creation
43	of a prominent heading titled: "XX. Amnesty for Drug or Alcohol Possession and
44	Consumption Violations;"
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46 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM recommends that the UM Student 47 Conduct Code headings be renumbered to account for this additional heading; 48 49 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM recommends that the University of Montana administration incorporates the following, or similar, language into the student 50 51 conduct code, under the newly incorporated heading: 52 53 The University of Montana strongly encourages students to report instances in which 54 they or others may be in unsafe situations. Therefore, students who contact officials in 55 instances such as these, will not be disciplined by the University for any violation of the 56 University's drug or alcohol possession or consumption policies in which they might 57 have engaged in connection with the reported incident. Students should, however, remain 58 aware that actions related to their intoxication, such as disorderly conduct, are still 59 violations of the Student Conduct Code, and can result in disciplinary charges. 60 61 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to UM 62 President Royce Engstrom; UM Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees; UMPD Director 63 and Chief Marty Ludemann; UMPD Assistant Director and Captain Ben Gladwin; Residence Life Office (RLO) Director Sandra Schoonover; RLO Assistant Director of 64 Student Conduct & Programs Kelly Magnuson; and UM Faculty Senate Chair Stephen 65 66 Lodmell. 67 68 Passed by Committee: 69 Passed by ASUM Senate: _______, 2015 70 71 72 Sean McOuillan 73 Sarah Smith Relations and Affairs Chair 74 Chair of the Senate