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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana-**
2 **Resolution Proposing Recycling Oversight Board**

3 **April 12th, 2017**

4 **SB78-16/17**

5 **Authored by: Kaden Harrison, ASUM Senator; Julian Adler, ASUM Senator; Elle Fettig,**
6 **ASUM Senator;**

7 **Sponsored by: Sam Forstag, ASUM President;**

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9 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
10 bylaws;

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12 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the official body
13 responsible for governing and overseeing all student fees;

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15 Whereas, Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education policy states that:

16 *“Student activity fees at campuses of the Montana University System, as established by prior*
17 *action of the Board of Regents, shall not be considered as earmarked funds in Board policy. It is*
18 *intended that budget allocations shall be established by officers of the respective student*
19 *government associations pursuant to the Associated Students Constitution of the campuses as*
20 *approved by the president or chancellor. No impairment of existing contractual obligations shall*
21 *occur.”;*

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23 Whereas, The six-dollar per semester Student Recycling Fee is classified as a student fee;

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25 Whereas, The Student Recycling Fee is currently being overseen by the University’s Recycling
26 Oversight Committee (ROC);

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28 Whereas, ASUM currently governs and oversees all other earmarked student fees such as child
29 care, infant care, transportation, etc.;

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31 Whereas, The Student Recycling Fee currently funds the entirety of the Recycling Center’s
32 allocated budget;

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34 Whereas, Student representation is necessary for all oversight boards responsible for managing
35 student fee dollars;

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37 Whereas, Article 5: Committees, Section 1 of the ASUM Constitution, reads as follows:

38 *“The affairs and activities of ASUM shall be handled through such standing committees as*
39 *enumerated in the Bylaws and any other committee which the ASUM Senate shall deem*
40 *necessary for the administration of ASUM;”*

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42 Whereas; Consistent and sizable student representation has been difficult to achieve in past years
43 on the Recycling Oversight Committee (ROC);

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45 Whereas, ASUM leadership and oversight will ensure greater student and student involvement
46 with recycling efforts on campus;

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48 Whereas, the longstanding Recycling Oversight Committee (ROC) chair is stepping down
49 effective at the end of the academic year; a need for new leadership has been expressed as a
50 concern of the committee;

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52 Therefore, Let it Be Resolved ASUM urges the University of Montana Administration to disband
53 the University Recycling Oversight Committee;

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55 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved that going forward ASUM will institute leadership and
56 oversight over all student fees including the Student Recycling Fee;

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58 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved that ASUM shall create a committee to govern and oversee
59 Recycling Center as well as all other initiatives funded by the Student Recycling Fee;

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61 Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved that this committee will be responsible for the overseeing
62 and passing of the Recycling Center's Annual budget as well as looking over day to day
63 operations and general practices;

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65 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that Article IV of the ASUM Bylaws be updated to
66 include a new Section 30 with the following language:

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68 *Section 30. Recycling Oversight Board*

69 *Subsection 30.1- Committee Composition:*

70 *Section 1- Committee Composition:*

- 71 A. *The Board shall be composed of seventeen (17) members and, six (6) of these*
72 *members shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.*
- 73 B. *The Chair of the Board shall be an ASUM Senator appointed annually by the*
74 *ASUM Senate. This ASUM Senator must also be a sitting member of the ASUM*
75 *Sustainability Board.*
- 76 C. *Student seats shall be filled by two (2) ASUM senators appointed by the ASUM*
77 *Vice President, one (1) Recycling Center student employee shall fill a student seat*
78 *on the Board, and two (2) Students at Large (SAL) seats appointed by the ASUM*
79 *Vice President.*
- 80 D. *Faculty members shall have two (2) seats which will be appointed by the*
81 *Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.*
- 82 E. *Facility Services and Residence Life shall each have one (1) reserved seat on the*
83 *Board, and must send yearly nominations to the ASUM Vice-President to fill these*
84 *seats.*
- 85 F. *The Board shall have six (6) ex-officio, nonvoting, members: The Recycling*
86 *Center Coordinator, the University Sustainability Coordinator, the ASUM*
87 *Sustainability Center Coordinator, the Office of Business Services, Student*
88 *Affairs, UM Dining, and Printing Services shall each have one (1) reserved ex-*
89 *officio seat.*

90 *Subsection 30.2- Committee Meetings:*

- 91 A. *The Board shall convene a minimum of one (1) time monthly during the academic*
92 *year.*

93 B. *Special meetings shall be called, as needed, by the Chair or or by two (2) or more*
94 *members of the Board.*

95 C. *Quorum shall exist when half plus one of all voting members, excluding the*
96 *chairs, are present.*

97 *Subsection 30.3- Committees Duties and Role:*

98 A. *The Board at-large shall:*

99 I. *Annually review and approve the Recycling Center budget,*
100 *especially that part of the budget provided by the ASUM Recycling*
101 *Fee.*

102 II. *Oversee day-to-day supervision of Recycling Center personnel and*
103 *execution of stated Recycling Center goals shall be carried out by*
104 *the UM Sustainability Coordinator.*

105 III. *Review and provide a binding vote on any capital improvements or*
106 *major project expenditure of \$1000.00 or more from the Recycling*
107 *Center's annual budget, excluding standard repairs, replacements,*
108 *and maintenance, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.*

109 IV. *Review, vote, and submit a recommendation to the full ASUM*
110 *Senate of any such capital improvement or major project*
111 *expenditure of \$1000.00 or more from the Recycling Center's*
112 *annual budget, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.*

113 V. *Develop an annual short-term plan for the upcoming Academic*
114 *Year and develop/approve a long-term (5 years or more) plan each*
115 *academic year. Both plans may be amended at any point with a*
116 *two thirds (2/3) vote by the board, subject to review by the Senate.*

117 VI. *May meet with campus, community, statewide and national*
118 *sustainability and recycling specialists to gain insight on recycling*
119 *issues in order to advocate on behalf of student and faculty*
120 *interests.*

121 VII. *May promote educational events and develop new initiatives and*
122 *research projects related to waste reduction and recycling at the*
123 *University of Montana.*

124 VIII. *In the event of a conflict or grievance between a decision of the*
125 *Recycling Oversight Board and the UM Sustainability*
126 *Coordinator, the ASUM President shall confer with the Vice*
127 *President for Administration & Finance to reach a mediated*
128 *solution.*

129 IX. *In the event that such a dispute cannot be resolved by the ASUM*
130 *President in coordination with the Vice President for*
131 *Administration & Finance, it shall be appealed the University of*
132 *Montana President for final resolution.*

133 B. *Chairs: The Chair shall coordinate monthly meetings, forward meeting minutes to*
134 *the ASUM Vice President, and ensure that all functions of the Board at large are*
135 *carried out efficiently and transparently. The Chair may not vote except in the*
136 *case of a tie, and may bring to the Board all issues, legislation, actions, or news*
137 *related to recycling and the Board's essential functions for consideration and*
138 *approval.*

- 139 C. *Faculty/Student Representatives: Faculty/Student Representatives shall attend all*
- 140 *meetings, may vote on any and all issues brought to the Board by the Co-Chairs,*
- 141 *may recuse themselves from voting for conflict of interest reasons, and may head*
- 142 *any Board initiatives*
- 143 D. *Sustainability Coordinators: the ASUM and UM Sustainability Coordinators*
- 144 *shall be present for every meeting, serve and advise the Board on policy, inform*
- 145 *the Board of current sustainability efforts, bring actionable sustainability issues*
- 146 *to the Board's attention as necessary, and may offer initiatives to the Board for*
- 147 *pursual.*
- 148 E. *Advisory Positions: The Printing Services, Office of Business Services, and*
- 149 *Student Affairs advisors may be present for any meeting, but need not attend*
- 150 *except at the discretion of the Chair, should they decide a matter under*
- 151 *consideration by the Board requires the expertise of any given advisor.*
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153 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mike Reid, Vice
154 President: Administration & Finance; Tom Crady, Vice President: Enrollment & Student Affairs;
155 Eva Rock, UM Sustainability Coordinator; Meredith Repke, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator;
156 Edi Stan, UM Recycling Coordinator; Kevin Krebsbach, Director of Facility Services; John
157 DeBoer, Faculty Senate Chair; Mary-Ann Bowman, Administrative Assistant, Faculty Senate,
158 Chair Elect; Camie Foos, Administrative Assistant, Faculty Senate; Sandy Schoonover, Director,
159 Residence Life;

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161 Vickie Voss, Procurement Officer, Business Services; Trevor Lowell, UM Dining Director of
162 Sustainability; Kristie Anderson, Business Manager, UM Printing Services.

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166 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

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172 Kaden Harrison,
173 Chair of Sustainability Board

Elizabeth Engebretson,
Chair of the Senate