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### SB69-16/17: Resolution for Referendum Expanding FTE Graduate Student and Missoula College Student Representation on ASUM Senate

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution for Referendum Expanding FTE Graduate Student and Missoula College**  
3                                   **Student Representation on ASUM Senate**

4                                   **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

5                                   **SB69-16/17**

6                                   **Authored by: Seth Barnes-Smith, ASUM Senator;**

7                                   **Sponsored by:**

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9   Whereas, the number of resident and non-resident, full-time enrolled (FTE) graduate students at  
10   UM has ranged consistently between 1,651 and 1,873 in FY 2006-2016<sup>1</sup>;

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12   Whereas, the number of FTE graduate students has represented between 13.16% and 15.89% of  
13   the overall FTE student body of UM and Missoula College in these years, and the average of this  
14   percentage is 14.06%;

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16   Whereas, the number of FTE Missoula College (MC) students has represented between 8.05%<sup>2</sup>  
17   and 13.66% of the overall FTE student body of UM and Missoula College in these years, and the  
18   average of this percentage is 11.64%;

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20   Whereas, Article 7. Section 4, Subsection 1 of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the  
21   University of Montana (ASUM) currently states:

22                   *During the ASUM General Election one seat of the Senate shall be reserved for the*  
23                   *graduate student candidate with the largest number of votes and one seat of the Senate*  
24                   *shall be reserved for the Missoula College candidate with the largest number of votes,*  
25                   *should a candidate from the respective constituency run.*

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27   Whereas, one Senate seat represents only 3.8% of the ASUM Senate and 3.5% when the  
28   executive seats are included;

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30   Whereas, 14% of the ASUM Senate would represent 3.64 seats (4.06 including the three  
31   executive seats) and 11% would represent 2.86 seats (3.19 including the three executive seats);

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33   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the following referendum language be placed before the  
34   University of Montana student body for vote during the 2017 ASUM General Election:

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36   *The Associated Students of the University of Montana currently reserves one (1) student senate*  
37   *seat for a graduate student and one (1) seat for a Missoula College student with the highest*  
38   *number of votes. One (1) seat represents 3.8% of the Senate. Full-time enrolled (FTE) graduate*  
39   *students and FTE Missoula College students represent an average of 14.06% and 11.64%,*  
40   *respectively, based on the MUS Fiscal Year Enrollment Report: FY06-FY16 Annualized Student*  
41   *FTE. Do you support a change in the number of reserved ASUM Senate seats from one (1)*

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<sup>1</sup> Statistics based on *MUS Fiscal Year Enrollment Report: FY06-FY16 Annualized Student FTE*

<sup>2</sup> This number can be misleadingly low. FTE enrollment at Missoula College has not dropped below 10% of total UM and MC enrollment in the last 9 years.

42 *graduate student seat to three (3) reserved seats and one (1) Missoula College seat to two (2)*  
43 *reserved seats?*

44 *\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I support a change in the reserved Senate seats for graduate and Missoula*  
45 *College candidates.*

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47 *\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not support the additional reserved Senate seats for graduate and Missoula*  
48 *College candidates.*

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50 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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52 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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