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Whereas, Culture of Respect Core Evaluation, identifies UM’s opportunities to “Include student groups in decision-making around relevant policies and establish systems for soliciting feedback from students”³;

Whereas, Revisions to the University’s Title IX policies and procedures would benefit from student input and, if changed, can make the complaint and investigation processes much more transparent for students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM establish the Title IX Ad Hoc Committee;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the charge of the Title IX Ad Hoc Committee read:
“To advocate for students impacted by any Title IX proceeding, the transparency of the complaint and investigation processes, and to provide student-sourced amendments to UM’s Title IX policy.”

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the membership of the committee include at least two graduate students;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Lucy France, UM Legal Counsel; Alicia Arant, Director of the Equal Opportunity Office; Jen Euell, Director of the Student Advocacy Resource Center; Christopher Palmer, Chair of Faculty Senate; Charity Atteberry, Chair of Staff Senate; Phil Rosenfelt, Secretary of Education; Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education; Mike Vasquez, Associated Students of Montana State University-Bozeman President; Katey Sutton, Associated Students of Montana Tech; Jocelynn Norman, Associated Students of Helena College President; Keeley Fitzgerald, Associated Students of the University of Montana Western Office Manager; James Unzaga, Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings President; Riley Mortenson, Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern President; Aaron Frank, Associated Students of Great Falls College Montana State University President.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

Passed by ASUM Senate: February 24, 2021

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate

Trs., 944 F.3d 613 (6th Cir. 2019), *cert. denied*, 141 S. Ct. 554 (2020) (indicating a major circuit split on “vulnerability”, generally not requiring additional post-notice of sexual harassment, contrary to current practices).

³ Culture of Respect, *Core Evaluation Baseline Summary Results*, University of Montana, 11, September 2020.