

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

Senate Resolutions, 2007-Present

ASUM Student Government

4-20-2022

SB106-21/22-Resolution Transitioning the Recycling Fee from the Student Activity Fee to a Facilities Fee

Eva Rocke

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum_resolutions

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Transitioning the Recycling Fee from the Student Activity Fee to a Facilities Fee**
3 **April 11, 2022**
4 **SB106-21/22**

5 **Authored by: Eva Rocke, UM Sustainability Director;**
6 **Sponsored by: Noah Durnell, ASUM President; Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Vice**
7 **President; Jack Rinck, ASUM Business Manager;**
8

9 Whereas, The primary responsibility of the Associated Students of the University of Montana
10 (“ASUM”) is to advocate for the wellbeing of all students¹;

11
12 Whereas, ASUM has endorsed the modification of fees and the student fee schedule in
13 circumstances where the changes benefit students and provide a more accurate representation of
14 the relationship between fees and operations;

15
16 Whereas, In 1990, the University of Montana (“UM”) Recycling Fee was first introduced and
17 adopted by ASUM to provide all Mountain Campus buildings with recycling service;

18
19 Whereas, In 2001, ASUM voted to increase the Recycling Fee²;

20
21 Whereas, In 2002, ASUM voted to establish a Recycling Oversight Committee³;

22
23 Whereas, The UM Recycling Program (the “Recycling Program”) and corresponding budget
24 have been overseen by the Sustainability Coordinator (2009-2014), Facilities Services Associate
25 Director (2014-2017), or the Sustainability Director (2017-2022) since the initial hire of a full-
26 time sustainability professional in 2009;

27
28 Whereas, The Recycling Program is a campus-wide operation that can be made more efficient
29 and effective when coupled with other facilities operations like custodial and grounds duties;

30
31 Whereas, The Recycling Program is not an ASUM agency or program;

32
33 Whereas, The ASUM Recycling Oversight Committee (renamed the Zero-Waste Oversight
34 Board) was dissolved in fall 2021⁴;

35

¹ Associated Students of the University of Montana Constitution, Article II, Section 1(1).

² SB47-00/01 Resolution in Support of a Referendum to Increase the Recycling Fee. University of Montana--
Missoula. Associated Students, "Documents from the March 14, 2001 meeting of the Associated Students of the
University of Montana (ASUM)" (2001). *Legacy Collection: ASUM Senate Documents, 1919-2007*. 172.
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum/172>.

³ SB44-01/02 Resolution in Support of Recycling Oversight Committee. University of Montana--Missoula.
Associated Students, "Documents from the March 13, 2002 meeting of the Associated Students of the University of
Montana (ASUM)" (2002). *Legacy Collection: ASUM Senate Documents, 1919-2007*. 145.
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum/145>.

⁴ Durnell, Noah; Lock, Canyon S.; Rinck, Jack; Gudmundsson, Tor; and Ververis, Nicholas, "SB9-21/22:
Resolution Striking Eight ASUM Committees from the Bylaws and Repurposing the Sustainability Board"
(2021). *Senate Resolutions, 2007-Present*. 912. https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum_resolutions/912.

36 Whereas, The Office of Sustainability, in partnership with Facilities Services and other partners
37 across campus, will establish a Zero-Waste working group with student and employee
38 representation to guide zero waste strategies at UM;

39
40 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM endorses the movement of the \$6 per semester
41 Recycling Fee from the Student Activity Fee to the Facilities Fee that is managed by central UM
42 administration;

43
44 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM endorses the Recycling Fee and its use for
45 materials management at UM;


46
47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Recycling Fee will remain \$6 per semester until
48 and unless the Facilities Fee increases;

49
50 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM asks the Office of Operations & Finance to
51 work with Business Services to remove the Recycling Fee from the ASUM Fee and add it to the
52 Facilities Fee beginning July 1, 2022;

53
54 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Paul Lasiter, Vice
55 President of Operations and Finance; Eva Rocke, Director of Sustainability; Tim Elliott,
56 Associate Director of Custodial Services.

57
58
59 Passed by Committee: April 17, 2022

60
61 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 20, 2022

62
63 
64 _____
65 Elizabeth Bowles,
66 Chair of Relations and Affairs



Mary Melissa Glueckert,
Chair of the Senate