



RESOLUTION

Whereas many staff positions at The University of Montana rely heavily on the use of computers;

Whereas staff computers are not currently funded for a scheduled rollout, thus relying on departmental funding sources which are limited at this time;

Whereas many UM staff employed in non-clerical positions do not have access to computers;

Whereas information is increasingly disseminated campus-wide via email, leaving those without access to computers uninformed of important issues relevant to the campus community;

Whereas paper earnings statements are no longer regularly disseminated, imposing difficulty for some UM employees to have access to information relevant to their personal finances;

The Staff Senate of The University of Montana-Missoula

1. Strongly urges the administration of The University of Montana to consider implementing a policy regarding computer replacement for staff;
2. Suggests that staff computers over five years old be upgraded;
3. Encourages the development of a rotation system for departments that cannot fund this rollout themselves, possibly through an inter-departmental rotation system.
4. Advocates that the administration establish accessible computer stations with printers in several buildings on campus, thus providing all UM staff access to the internet. This can be accomplished using recycled computers from faculty computer replacement.