The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding University Fundraising Priorities Committee
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent and advocate for student interests;

Whereas, Currently the President of the University of Montana (UM) makes recommendations to the UM Foundation on the University’s fundraising priorities each fiscal year;

Whereas, Fundraising priorities have vast and direct impacts on the campus community, including Students, Staff, and Faculty;

Whereas, Students, Staff, and Faculty are learning, teaching, conducting research, etc. in the various UM facilities and all have a vested interest in the betterment of the campus-at-large;

Whereas, Currently there is a lack of communication structure that allows shared governance to make recommendations to the President regarding fundraising priorities;

Whereas, Most other administrative processes have avenues for shared governance input which strengthens the University’s goals and priorities;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That a new University Committee be established and named University Fundraising Priorities Committee (UFPC);

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, The chair of the UFPC be a member of one of the three bodies of shared governance: ASUM Senate, Staff Senate, or Faculty Senate;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, The UFPC be charged with the task of engaging with the campus community by gathering information on facilities, or other aspects of campus that require improvement, and assessing the potential impacts of improving these areas and formally recommending areas as priorities for which the UM Foundation will fundraise;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, The committee will communicate these priorities, after assessment, to the President in the form of official recommendations each year;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That in order to be considered to be a priority, a proposal requires a simple majority vote;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the final recommendations must be passed as a slate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That these recommendations will be a public document;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That these recommendations will be a part of the consideration that the President, in conjunction with their Cabinet use to set the fundraising priorities for the UM Foundation;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That ASUM urges Faculty Senate and Staff Senate to pass a similar resolution;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That this resolution be sent to, Cindy Williams, CEO of the UM Foundation; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana; Rosi Keller, Vice President, Administration & Finance;

Passed by Committee: ___________________________, 2018

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