ITEM 141-2008-R1108  Authorization to Increase the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) Student Activity Fee

THAT:  The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to increase the ASMSU student activity fee by $3.50 (three dollars and fifty cents) per semester, beginning with the Spring 2009 semester.

EXPLANATION:

1. Montana State University students voted during the Fall 2008 elections, and an ASMSU Senate Resolution approved, an increase of $3.50 per semester to this fee.

2. Montana State University students realize that maintaining a sustainable campus environment is the duty of every member of the University and no permanent funding currently exists.

3. This fee increase will be budgeted by the ASMSU Senate during its annual budgeting process, and will be provided solely for the use of sustainability initiatives that are proposed by the ASMSU Sustainability Coordinator.

4. ASMSU representatives have asked that this fee be made effective (mid-year) for the Spring semester so that the Senate can begin making sustainability investments in this academic year, instead of having to wait until FY10.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution passed by the Associated Students of Montana State University Senate

B. Student vote on Fall 2008 Ballot