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ITEM 171-1012-R0516

Request for Authorization to Provide for an Increase in the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Student Fees – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 940.12.1, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to increase student driven fees proposed by the student government and voted in support of by the student body.

EXPLANATION

The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the representative governing body for students. ASUM provides services to students through its agencies such as Legal Services, Sustainability Center, Off-Campus Renter Center, Transportation, Child Care and UM Productions. ASUM also allocates funding to each of its student groups each spring.

ASUM current has a \$61.35 Activity Fee to fund its staff, operations, agencies and student group activities.

The ASUM Senate passed Senate Bill SB35-15/16; Student Fee Referendum on February 17, 2016. The Senate Bill called for an increase of \$9.95 to the ASUM fee for continued student services. Students of the University of Montana approved the item by a vote of 1,795 in favor and 392 against during the April 2016 elections.

The Kaimin is a University of Montana student run media outlet. Currently students pay a \$5 fee to fund its staff and operations. After examination of the budget, the ASUM Senate passed Senate Bill SB48-15/16; Resolution Regarding Kaimin Fee Increase on March 30, 2016. The Senate Bill called for an increase of \$1 to the Kaimin for continued operations. Students of the University of Montana approved the item by a vote of 1,425 in favor and 761 against during the April 2016 elections.

The KBGA College Radio is a student funded organization which provides the students of the University of Montana with fresh programming, educational resources, recording studios, live music, news and culture. Currently students pay a \$6 fee to fund its staff and operations. After examination of the budget, the ASUM Senate passed Senate Bill SB47-15/16; Resolution Regarding KBGA College Radio on March 30, 2016. The Senate Bill called for an increase of \$1 to KBGA radio for continued operations. Students of the University of Montana approved the item by a vote of 1,450 in favor and 707 against during the April 2016 elections.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – ASUM Senate Student Fee Referendum (SB35-15/16)

Attachment #2 – ASUM Senate Resolution Regarding Kaimin Fee Increase (SB48-15/16)

Attachment #3 – ASUM Senate Resolution Regarding KBGA College Radio (SB47-15/16)

Attachment #4 – ASUM General Election Results