Intent: To affirm the support of ASMSU for using Academic R&R funds to improve the facilities of the Writing Center located in Wilson Hall.

Whereas, Use of the Writing Center services is continually increasing; and,

Whereas, During the academic year, 2010-2011, there were 3393 visits utilizing the services provided for free at the writing center, most of them in the form of 30 minute consultations; and,

Whereas, The writing center has become a campus-wide resource with only 24% of visits during the 2011 spring semester coming from the College of Letters and Science while the rest are now coming from the other colleges; and,

Whereas, Every year, there are hundreds of students who are turned away from the center because of lack of consultation space or an available tutor; and,

Whereas, An improvement to the facilities of the Writing Center in Wilson Hall would ultimately lead to easier utilization of services provided and would help improve student success; and,

Whereas, Academic R&R funds raised from student fees may be used towards debt service or towards appropriate building projects with an academic focus; and,

Whereas, There is an excess of current Academic R&R funds, which allows for the excess money to be used for expenditures on academically oriented projects such as the Wilson Hall Writing Center project; and,

Therefore, let it be resolved that: The Associated Students of Montana State University approve of using Academic R&R funds for the Wilson Hall Writing Center Project.

Let it be further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Waded Cruzado, MSU President; Walt Banziger, Director FPDC; Joe Fedock, Chair UFPB; Blake Bjornsen, ASMSU President; Kirk Branch, Writing Center Director; and Helen Hadley Porter, Writing Center Coordinator.