

**2013-R-27**

**Support for the use of Student Building Fees for Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Improvements**

**Sponsors:** John Cowles  
Michael Nguyen

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abs \_\_\_  
Date: 01/16/14

**Vote Necessary:** Majority

1 **Intent:** To affirm the support of the Associated Students of Montana State University for the use of  
2 Student Building Fees for facility improvements to the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse in the amount of \$1  
3 million, representing one third of the total cost of the project.

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5 **Whereas,** the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse was constructed in 1957 with Student Building Fees, and  
6 has existed since as a venue for university events such as graduation, convocation, Legends of the  
7 Bobcat, and athletic competitions. It further serves the greater Bozeman community by hosting  
8 sporting events and camps, as well as the FFA Agricultural Expo for Montana youths, and major  
9 concerts; and,

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11 **Whereas,** the Fieldhouse has not undergone a major renovation in 15 years. As the area's most  
12 prominent venue, the facility is in need of several improvements to ensure it continues to serve the  
13 MSU and Bozeman communities to its fullest potential while ensuring the safety of its patrons; and,

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15 **Whereas,** the flooring material of the facility was installed in 1980, and is far beyond its useful  
16 lifespan, and in a state of disrepair that poses a hazard to both students and student athletes who use  
17 the facility. The bleacher units and sound system are in a similar condition, and need to be replaced  
18 in order to ensure ease of operation, safety, and comfort of both facility employees and patrons.  
19 Furthermore, a curtaining system is to be installed to improve the quality of the basketball  
20 competition venue for both athletes and attendees; and,

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22 **Whereas,** the total cost of improvements is projected to be \$3 million. Athletics & Auxiliary  
23 Services and the University have each pledged \$1 million to the project. The remaining \$1million is  
24 proposed to come from Student Building Fees; and,

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26 **Whereas,** the Student Building Fee exists to service debt and provide funding for maintenance  
27 projects of campus facilities. Furthermore, the use of these funds will not increase student fees; yet  
28 will greatly benefit the MSU student community.

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30 **Therefore, let it be resolved that:** the Associated Students of Montana State University fully  
31 support the use of \$1 million of Student Building Fees to cover one third of the proposed cost of  
32 facilities improvements to the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

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34 **Let it be further resolved that:** a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Waded Cruzado, MSU  
35 President; Terry Leist, MSU Vice President of Admin and Finance; Tom Stump, Director of MSU  
36 Auxiliaries; Peter Fields, MSU Athletics; Julie Donagan, ASMSU Exponent