

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 27 February 2020

Whereas, The current Student Health Center was constructed in 1957 with a student enrollment of 3,568; and,

Whereas, Student enrollment has since grown to 16,766, a 370% increase from 1957, yet the Student Health Center has not expanded since the 1970s to keep pace with student growth; and,

Whereas, The current building averages less than 1.0 square foot per student, well below national standards of 1.7 – 3.5 square feet per student; and,

Whereas, Students ranked improving mental health as the most important health item in a new Wellness Center along with improved access for all students to receive adequate medical care; and,

Whereas, The students lost approximately 60,000 square feet of recreation space on March 7th and 8th in 2019; and,

Whereas, Replacing the lost recreation spaces in kind would not address the holistic wellness model – mental, emotional, nutritional, physical, social, intellectual, and environmental – of students in 2020 and beyond; and,

Whereas, Students are conscious stewards of the University's space, facilities and resources; and,

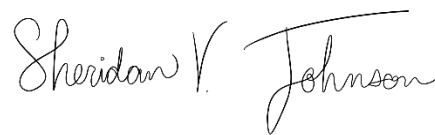
Whereas, Designing and constructing a Wellness Center is necessary to embrace a holistic approach to student wellbeing by incorporating a new Student Health Center along with new and improved recreation space; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) Senate supports assessing a Student Wellness Center fee of \$58.00 per semester for students taking seven or greater credits. The fee will be used to fund the design, construction and operation of a new Student Wellness Center that embraces a holistic approach to student wellbeing. The specific programs towards which this fee is directed may change year to year as the demands and needs of the student body change; and,

Resolved, That during the ASMSU 2020 general election, the Student Wellness Center fee will be placed on the ballot as a referendum for the student body to vote. The students will vote YES or NO on the Student Wellness Center fee, which will be assessed for a specified time period not to exceed 25 years for the design and construction of the facility; and,

Resolved, Insurance proceeds from the State of Montana will be used in conjunction with the Student Wellness Center fee to construct the new facility; and,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Terry Leist, MSU Vice-President of Administration and Finance; Tracy Ellig, MSU Vice-President of Communications; and Taylor Blossom, ASMSU President.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheridan V. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sheridan Johnson – Senate Speaker