

ASMSU 2025-R-20
Support for an Energy Performance Contract to Fund Prioritized Energy Projects

Sponsor: Hannah Ferguson
Co-Sponsors: Gavin Thorson
Rebekah Storlie

Yes: 15 No: 0 Senators Present: 15
First Reading: October 30th, 2025
Second Reading: November 6th, 2025

Vote Necessary: Majority


Senate Speaker Walter Scheldorf

Intent: To support the use of an Energy Performance Contract to perform energy saving and deferred maintenance renovations as prioritized by Montana State University (MSU) Facilities Services for the approved projects.

Whereas, the Montana State University (MSU) Facilities Services have deemed the following energy savings and deferred maintenance projects a priority:

- Indoor and outdoor lighting upgrades
- Building mechanical upgrades
- Heat plant upgrades; and,

Whereas, the Building Fees can be used to fund projects like these, requiring an Energy Performance Contract (EPC), and if the University borrows money to pay for these EPC projects, the Building Fees can then be used to repay debt (including interest) and may also be pledged under the University's bond indenture for its general revenue bonds; and,

Whereas, this phase of development includes up to \$30 million in renovations and improvements, which will begin seeing cost-savings in energy costs about 20+ years after installment, after the debt has been fully repaid; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Associated Students of Montana State University supports the use of student fee dollars to pay for the EPC to fund the renovation and sustainability improvement projects deemed a priority by MSU Facilities Services; and,

Further Resolved, submit this resolution to the following: Planning Manager – Facilities Services, Richard Rudnicki; Dir. of Campus Planning, Design, & Construction, Grant Petersen; VP of Admin. & Finance, Terry Liest; AVP for Univ. Budgets and Financial Services, Megan Lasso; AVP for Univ. Facilities Management, John How; Dir. of Engineering & Utilities – Facilities Services, Megan James; ASMSU President, Lenny Triem; and the MSU Exponent.

Vote:

Sen. Johnson: Yes
Sen. Rapson: Yes
Sen. Thaut: Yes
Sen. Blazer: Absent
Sen. Koller: Absent
Sen. Persicke: Absent
Sen. Storlie: Yes

Sen. Ferguson: Yes
Sen. Heiland: Yes
Sen. Makarchuk: Yes
Sen. Nelson: Yes
Sen. Forney: Absent
Sen. Jenkins: Yes
Pro Tem. Watson: Yes

Sen. Wood: Yes
Sen. Vroman: Yes
Sen. Ferrell: Yes
Sen. Lindemann: Yes
Sen. Metz: Yes
Sen. Thorson: Yes