

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 9 March 2017

Whereas, Montana State University (MSU) registered student organizations have a need for additional funding, illustrated by the depletion of rolling funding one week into the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year, to enhance their activities; and,

Whereas, Student engagement in extracurricular activities leads to better academic performance and increased retention; and,

Whereas, MSU student participation in Club Sports grew more than nine percent from FY15 to FY16, to a total of 24 clubs and 470 participants; and,

Whereas, Increasing success within Club Sports creates the need for additional funding so clubs may attend statewide, regional and national competitions; and,

Whereas, MSU student participation in intramural sports has grown 49.8 percent since FY14, and had 2,643 unique participants and 10,859 total participants during FY16; and,

Whereas, A maintained turf field with lights would allow intramural and club sports to play later in the evening and year round; and,

Whereas, MSU's current rock climbing wall is in dire need of an upgrade, and lags far behind rock climbing walls at our peer institutions; and,

Whereas, The current rock climbing wall is routinely filled to capacity and an addition would provide students with adequate climbing space; now, therefore, let it be

Resolved, That the ASMSU Senate supports assessing a Student Recreation Facilities Project (SRFP) fee of \$16.64 per semester on MSU students taking seven or greater credits. This fee will fund the construction of a synthetic turf field at the Dobbie Lambert Intramural Fields, with goal posts, field lightings, a scoreboard, seating for approximately 200 people, as well as a support building. The building as initially intended includes storage for maintenance equipment, club and intramural equipment, restrooms, a pavilion which can host events and provide shelter during storms, a team room which could be used as a classroom for ACT classes, and a locker room for sporting events. The final

building design may vary due to budgetary constraints based on market conditions of labor and materials at the time of construction; and,


Resolved, That \$13.38 of the SRFP fee will service a maximum of \$4.2 million in debt assumed to finance construction of the field, goal posts, field lighting, scoreboard, seating and support building and will sunset after fifteen years upon extinguishment of the debt. The remaining \$3.26 will be assessed in perpetuity used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the field, building and rock climbing wall, and to accumulate funds to replace the synthetic turf tentatively every fifteen years; and,

Resolved, That both the debt service and operations and maintenance portions of the SRFP fee will index at the rate of inflation, to be calculated using the Consumer Price Index; and,

Resolved, That the ASMSU Senate supports an increase in the Registered Student Organization fee of \$3.00 per semester, bringing the fee to \$9.70 per semester. \$25,000 of additional funds generated from the increase will be added to the current allocation of \$50,000 from the Registered Student Organization fee to Club Sports, with the remainder of generated funds made available to Registered Student Organizations, and for the Registered Student Organization Funding Board to allocate between matching, rolling and mass funding; and,

Resolved, That the ASMSU Senate supports the expenditure of up to \$500,000 from the Student Facilities Enhancement Project (SFEP) residual debt service funds to upgrade the existing rock climbing wall in the Hosaeus Fitness Center and construct an additional rock climbing wall in the adjacent squash court; and,

Resolved, That during the ASMSU Spring 2017 general election, the Student Recreation Facilities Project will be placed on the ballot as a referendum for the student body to vote on. MSU students will vote yes or no on the SRFP fee, to borrow a maximum of \$4.2 million to fund the proposal, which includes the SRFP fee, a \$3 per semester increase to the Registered Student Organization fee and expressed support to the Montana Board of Regents and the Administration of Montana State University to approve \$500,000 in expenditures from the SFEP residual debt service funds for construction and enhancement of the rock climbing wall.



Bradley Jones – Senate Speaker