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Resolution to Reduce the Cost of Summer Internship Credits

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Yes 15 No 0 Abs 0
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- 1 **Intent:** To reduce the cost of summer internship credits at Montana State University.
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- 3 **Whereas,** Currently summer internship credits for in state students cost \$355.10 for one credit,
- 4 \$582.60 for two credits, and \$830.10 for three credits for either a six or twelve week summer
- 5 internship at Montana State University; and,
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- 7 **Whereas,** Summer internship credits for out of state students cost \$1,014.20 for one credit,
- 8 \$1,940.80 for two credits, \$2,867.40 for three credits for either a six or twelve week summer
- 9 internship at Montana State University; and,
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- 11 **Whereas,** Most scholarships offered through MSU are only eight semesters, so the cost
- 12 associated with summer internship credits do not apply; and,
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- 14 **Whereas,** Each individual college receives revenue from the amount of credits enrolled in the
- 15 college except for those used for internships; and,
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- 17 **Whereas,** Professors who serve as internship advisors for individual students over the summer
- 18 do not receive any sort of compensation for their work; and,
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- 20 **Whereas,** Other land grant universities such as Colorado State University have differential
- 21 tuition, in which a portion of the summer internship credit cost is allocated to the appropriate
- 22 college; and,
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- 24 **Whereas,** Framing an internship within the parameters of a for-credit internship allows for
- 25 identifiable learning goals associated with it and students learn more from the experience
- 26 because it requires reflection on what they are learning; and,
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- 28 **Whereas,** The College of Business, Engineering, and others allow for up to three internship
- 29 credits to count toward electives, therefore, incentivizing students to receive credits through
- 30 internships; and,
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- 32 **Whereas,** Although many interns receive some compensation, it might not be enough to pay for
- 33 three credits of internship – especially if the student is paying out of state tuition; and,
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- 35 **Whereas,** In a study done by U.S. news it was reported that 65.4% of the graduating class of
- 36 2014 received job offers prior to graduation from past internship employers. Additionally,

1 National Association of Colleges & Employers reported that according to employers in 2014
2 51.2% of interns turned into full time hires; and,
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4 **Whereas,** The Jake Jobs College of Business and the entire Montana State University should be
5 doing everything in its power to encourage students pursuing summer internship and therefore
6 offer reduced costs to enroll in summer internship credits; and,
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8 **Whereas,** The immense cost associated with summer internship credits discourages students
9 from progressing through their major with applicable work experience; now, therefore, be it,
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11 **Resolved,** That the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) support that the
12 costs of internship credits for students is substantially lowered and that a portion of the revenue
13 received be re-allocated to the appropriate college of the specific student performing the
14 internship; and,
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16 **Resolved,** That copies of this resolution be sent to Dr. Waded Cruzado, MSU President; Brett
17 Gunnink, College of Engineering Dean; Nicol C. Rae, College of Letters and Science Dean; Dr.
18 Alison Harmon, College of Education, Health and Human Development Interim Dean; Dr.
19 Royce W. Smith, College of Arts and Architecture Dean; Dr. Charles Boyer, College of
20 Agriculture Vice President, Dean and Director; Helen Melland, College of Nursing Dean; Terry
21 Leist, Vice President Administration & Finance; Dr. Kregg Aytes, Jake Jobs College of Business
22 & Entrepreneurship Dean; Marianne Brough, Director of OSE; Garrett Leach, ASMSU
23 President; Geneva Zoltek, ASMSU Vice President.