**The Staff Senate of the University of Montana**
**SB 1 – 2016/17**
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Whereas, the Staff Senate of the University of Montana (UM; hereinafter referred to as Staff Senate) has a vested interest in facilitating engagement between the administration and staff at the UM;

Whereas, Staff Senate promotes and works to improve the working conditions and professional welfare of UM staff;

Whereas, President Sheila Stearns has initiated *Forward125*, an initiative aimed to place UM on a path toward achieving continued strength and excellence in to the future;

Whereas, all UM staff hold unique perspectives on the continued strength and excellence of UM;

Whereas, *Forward125* calls for campus stakeholders to engage in an open and participatory process to shape the immediate and long-term future of our University;

Whereas, Staff Senate is an elected body which represents campus stakeholders;

Whereas, Staff Senate provides a mechanism for supplying voting representatives to all University and applicable State committees to assure shared governance of the University;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, the Staff Senate will appoint representatives to participate in the *Forward125* taskforce;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, the *Forward125* taskforce will present its final recommendations, citing the applied metrics and measures, no later than at the October 2017 meeting of the Staff Senate, and vote no later than at the November 2017 Staff Senate meeting on whether to recommend them, all or in part, to the President.

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