



2007-2008
MTCC RAISE YOUR VOICE PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Campus Representative
(Contact Information)

And

**The Montana Campus Compact Network Office
Montana Raise Your Voice Program
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Missoula, MT 59812
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Background: *Campus Compact launched Raise Your Voice nationally in 2002. RYV was originally conceptualized as a vehicle to engage student voice in the civic engagement movement. In Montana, that work happens via student governments. Raise Your Voice has three overarching objectives:*

- 1) To increase college student involvement in public life and connect these actions with a national movement;**
- 2) To document student civic engagement activities and issues important to college students; and**
- 3) To mobilize higher education in a way that gives more voice to students and makes civic engagement central to student learning.**

The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to formalize the partnership between ASUM and the Montana Campus Compact Raise Your Voice program and to outline the responsibilities of each party. This MOU will be carried out to the best abilities of each party and is made in good faith. Amendments to this document may be made, only provided both parties agree to them.

The Raise Your Voice program will:

- Provide leadership and capacity building opportunities to each campus:
 - Building Engaged Citizens Training (every fall)
 - Day at the Statehouse (every legislative session)
 - Student Training Institute (every spring)
- Connect all student governments (public, tribal and private) with one another by:
 - Monthly conference calls
 - Annual trainings/workshops
 - Acting as a clearing house of student government information
 - Serving as a liaison between student governments

- Facilitate student governments as training and technical assistance resources for one another
- Provide on going individual technical assistance to each campus by:
 - Conducting in-person site visits to each campus
 - Facilitating goal setting for student governments
 - Pursue funding on behalf of student governments that participate in RYV
 - Work with student governments to steer the direction of Raise Your Voice

Campus Representative will:

- Meet, in person at least twice per academic year with the Raise Your Voice program coordinator;
- Appoint a student government representative to attend 3 conference calls per semester;
- Work with the program coordinator to help set the Raise Your Voice program’s agenda, to plan gatherings, and ensure forums address student needs;
- Share student government practices at the Student Training Institute in the spring;
- Share student government materials, resources and tools, whenever appropriate, with other student governments;
- Send 2 student government representatives to at least two Raise Your Voice events per academic year* (this does not supersede any rules or regulations governing your campus organizations)

By signing below your campus representative agrees to execute the terms above to the best of their abilities and understands their involvement may exceed the above responsibilities if they feel it necessary.

Name of Campus Representative: _____

Signature/Date: _____

Josh Vanek, Raise Your Voice, MTCC Network Office

Signature/Date: _____

Originals of this document will be housed at the MTCC network office in Missoula and copies of this document will be distributed to the participating student governments.