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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending the ASUM Fiscal Policy
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its Fiscal Policy;
Whereas, Section 20.0 of ASUM Fiscal Policy outlines the use of ASUM’s State Term Investment Pool (STIP) account;
Whereas, Fiscal Policy 20.2 currently reads:

20.2 Classified Staff Development shall be funded through S.T.I.P. interest. Classified staff development may include, but is not limited to, enhancement courses through the University or community, in-state and out-of-state conferences and consultations.

Whereas, the original intent for this clause was to allow ASUM employees the opportunity to develop additional knowledge and skills necessary to do their jobs, while not competing directly with student groups for travel funding;
Whereas, there is also a need for students to occasionally attend professional development events;
Whereas, student-staff have, in the past, attended professional development events with classified staff members;
Whereas, Fiscal Policy 20.3 currently reads:

20.3 Travel for ASUM Administration and Agencies shall be funded through S.T.I.P. interest.

Whereas, the current practice, regardless of written clauses in Fiscal Policy, is for ASUM Administration and Agencies to fund travel, whether foreseen or unforeseen, from their own budgets;
Whereas, this discrepancy in practice and policy must be rectified;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM Fiscal Policy 20.2 be amended to read:

20.2 Classified staff development shall be funded through S.T.I.P. interest. Classified staff development may include, but is not limited to, enhancement courses through the University or community, in-state and out-of-state conferences, and consultations.

Student staff may attend professional development events with S.T.I.P. interest funding
if they are accompanied by a classified staff member, or at the discretion of the ASUM Senate.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM Fiscal Policy 20.3 be amended to read:

20.3 Travel for ASUM Administration and Agencies shall be funded through their existing budgets; however, emergency or unforeseen travel that is pertinent to the operations of the Administration or Agency can be funded through S.T.I.P. interest with the approval of the agency’s oversight board and the ASUM Senate.

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Kaitlin Hopingardner, Chair of Relations & Affairs

Betsy Story, Chair of the Senate