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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its Fiscal Policy;

Whereas, Section 11.4 of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently reads as follows:

11.4 Events previously funded through annual budgeting or previous special allocations are not eligible for future special allocations funding.

Whereas, this clause is troublesome and ambiguous, as ASUM funds by line-item, not by event;

Whereas, the intention of this line of ASUM Fiscal Policy is to prevent any member organization from “double dipping” with funding from ASUM– meaning that the organization applies to receive funding for the same line-item, for the same purpose, twice;

Whereas, this clause has historically been interpreted to allow member organizations to use the Special Allocation Account to fund parts of events that were not able to be funded during ASUM Final Budgeting;

Whereas, the makeup and ideals of member organizations, including the ASUM Senate, changes after each academic year;

Whereas, the current ASUM Senate should always be empowered to make its own decisions regarding ideological questions and should not be forced to conform to the ideals of a previous senate unless otherwise indicated in the ASUM Governing Documents;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 11.4 of ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to read as follows:

11.4 Line-items that were previously fully-funded through annual budgeting or previous special allocations are not eligible for future special allocations funding. The ASUM Senate may fund other line-items related to the event, or may apply more funds to the same line-item if the member organization expresses a further need, but no member organization may receive duplicative funding for the same purpose.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that these changes take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2017

Passed by ASUM Senate: ____________________________, 2017
Chase Greenfield  
Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

Elizabeth Engebretson  
Chair of the Senate