SB67-13/14: Amending Fiscal Policy

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Resolution Amending Fiscal Policy
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) is directed by its governing documents;

Whereas, ASUM Final Budgeting is held during the first seven (7) weeks of Spring semester in accordance with Fiscal Policy;

Whereas, groups who’s requests are to be considered during Final Budgeting are to be assigned to specific categories according to Section 9, Subsection 9.7 of Fiscal Policy;

Whereas, the assignment of groups to said categories serves no discernable purpose in regards to the way ASUM conducts its Final Budgeting process;

Whereas, Section 9, Subsection 9.12 directs ASUM to hold a lottery during the Business Managers report a week prior to Final Budgeting to determine the order in which categories shall be funded;

Whereas, selecting the order in which categories shall be funded via lottery serves no discernable purpose in regards to effective or ineffective budgeting;

Whereas, Section 9, Subsection 9.12 reads:

9.12 The Order of Funding Categories. The order of discussion of categories for Final Budgeting shall be selected by lottery during the Business Manager’s report no less than one (1) week prior to Final Budgeting for all categories, excluding ASUM agencies which shall precede all other categories

Whereas, Section 9, Subsections 9.7.1 through Subsection 9.7.8 read:

9.7.1 Interest Organizations. Groups that provide education and activities centered around a specific idea or area of interest.
9.7.2 Academic/Honors Organizations. Groups that provide enhancement in a field or study by providing a specific service or support to students involved in that field or area of study.
9.7.3 ASUM Administrative Agencies.
9.7.4 Student Service Organizations. Groups that provide service to the campus or community and may develop skills used when performing the service.
9.7.5 Sports Organization Union. Groups that provide recreation primarily for students at the University. The SOU shall submit one budget for all clubs being so recognized, that budget and budgets of each subsidiary organization shall be
9.7.6 Student Support Organizations. Groups that provide support for minority students on campus and/or ethnic or cultural celebration or education thereof.

9.7.7 Music Organization Union. The MOU will be composed of all ASUM-recognized music groups. The MOU shall submit one budget for all clubs being so recognized and that budget - along with budgets of each subsidiary organization - shall be submitted to the ASUM Business manager one week prior to the executive recommendation.

9.7.8 Senate Discretionary.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 9, Subsection 9.7.1 in ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

9.7.1 Student Interest Organizations. Groups that provide support, education and activities centered around a specific idea or area of interest.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 9, Subsection 9.7 in ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to strike Subsections 9.7.2, 9.7.4 and 9.7.6.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 9, Subsections 9.7 in ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to renumber Subsections 9.7.3, 9.7.5, 9.7.7 and 9.7.8 to 9.7.2, 9.7.3, 9.7.4 and 9.7.5 respectively.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 9, Subsection 9.12 be amended to read:

9.12 The Order of Funding Categories. The order of discussion of categories for Final Budgeting shall be selected by the Senate during the Business Manager’s report no less than one (1) week prior to Final Budgeting for all categories, excluding ASUM agencies which shall precede all other categories

Passed by Committee: February 17, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: February 19, 2014

Final Vote: Unanimous Consent

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Mike Hopkins,       Mariah Williams,
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