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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Amending Fiscal Policy Sections 12 and 24
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Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy Section 12 is outdated, as the “appropriate form” mentioned is no longer used;

Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy Section 24 is not inclusive enough, as it needs to be to lay out all ineligible purchases by ASUM student groups as described in other sections of Fiscal Policy;

Whereas, ASUM money should not go to purchases of mobile devices that could get lost or are more susceptible to damage or theft (i.e. laptop computers and/or other mobile electronic devices);

Whereas ASUM money should not go to the purchases of clothing for student groups, as it is not a permanent investment of ASUM funds;

Whereas, placing additional sections 24.3 and 24.4 ensures continuity and accuracy in describing “ineligible purchases” when using ASUM money;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM adopts the following amendments to Fiscal Policy to ensure continuity, accuracy, and effectiveness in terms of where ASUM money can be spent:

12.0 LINE-ITEM CHANGES

Any deviation in line items from the original budget shall be treated as a line-item change. Any organization wishing to make changes in other lines must fill out the appropriate form to obtain the Business Manager's approval. Line item changes outside of categories will be limited to 10% of any organization's budget allocation. If a request is denied, entails a change of intent, or if the Business Manager feels the request warrants the Board's action, the request will be brought before the Board. The Board's decision may be overturned by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.

24.0 INELIGIBLE PURCHASES

24.1 ASUM, in recognizing the United States Constitution's presumption of a separation between religion and state, will not purchase sacred religious texts or tools used for proselytizing to non-members with ASUM funds, with the exception of general group promotion.

24.2 ASUM will not purchase laptop computers or other mobile electronic devices unless they are for office use by ASUM Administration or Agencies.

24.3 ASUM will not purchase clothing.

24.2.4.4 ASUM will also adhere to other restrictions as provided in Section 2.0 and Section 9.1.2

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Alex Gosline, Chair
Board on Budget and Finance

Siri Smillie, Chair
ASUM Senate