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1                                 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                 **Resolution Amending Section 24 “Ineligible Purchases” of ASUM Fiscal Policy**  
3                                                 **July 7th, 2016**  
4                                                 **SB02-16/17**

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6                                                 **Manager;**

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

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12         Whereas, ASUM Student Group accounts receive two types of funding: ASUM allocations and  
13         club funds (from outside sources such as fundraising);

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15         Whereas, ASUM budgets for line-item expense categories, with the intention of benefitting the  
16         student group as a whole rather than its individual members;

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18         Whereas, ASUM Student Groups have the discretion to apply ASUM-allocated funds to make  
19         any kind of purchase within an ASUM-funded expense category;

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21         Whereas, occasionally student groups wish to make purchases using ASUM-allocated funds for  
22         the purpose of benefitting an individual member (and not the club as a whole), for a purpose not  
23         related to the mission of the student group, or for other inappropriate purpose;

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25         Whereas, student group “club funds” offer student groups opportunity to exercise discretion over  
26         non-ASUM allocated funds.

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28         Whereas, the ASUM Office Manager, as the chief liaison to ASUM Student Groups, should have  
29         some mechanism to bring questionable purchases using ASUM allocated funds to the ASUM  
30         Senate for further review;

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32         Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that a new Section 24.5 be created in ASUM Fiscal Policy with  
33         the following language:

34                 *24.5 The ASUM Office Manager may forward requests submitted by ASUM Student*  
35                 *Groups that wish to use ASUM allocated funds for any of the following purposes to the Board on*  
36                 *Budget and Finance for Final Review: requests that may go against the policies, actions, and*  
37                 *directives of the ASUM Senate and University Policy, for purposes that are irrelevant to the*  
38                 *mission of the student group, or that directly benefit an individual. The Board shall review the*  
39                 *purchase request and provide the Office Manager with a recommendation to fund or deny the*  
40                 *request. The Office Manager may forward any other funding requests deemed worthy of Board*  
41                 *review to the Board on Budget and Finance. In the event that the Office Manager receives a*  
42                 *qualifying purchase request during a non-academic week when the Board is not in session, the*  
43                 *ASUM Business Manager shall review the request and make a recommendation.*  
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45         Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016  
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47 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Chair of Board on Budget and Finance

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Elizabeth Engebretson,  
Chair of the Senate