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SB14-16/17: Resolution Amending Section 9.9 of ASUM Fiscal Policy

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

Whereas, in the Spring 2016 Final Budgeting Meeting, the ASUM Executives only made recommendations for ASUM Agency funding;  

Whereas, in the Spring 2016 Final Budgeting Meeting, the ASUM Executives did not make any recommendations for specific line items within the student groups or union categories;  

Whereas, the lack of Executive Recommendations gave more authority and discretion to the ASUM Senate;  

Whereas, the lack of Executive Recommendations saved the ASUM Accountant, Marlene Hendrickson, considerable time when processing the budget for the year;  

Whereas, Section 9.9 of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently reads as follows:  

9.9 Executive Recommendation. The President, in consultation with the Vice President and Business Manager, shall propose a budget. The Senate Discretionary shall remain at a minimum level of two percent of the total allocation amount throughout the Executive Recommendation. Should the President choose an executive recommendation below the amount provided, the excess amount must be placed in the Senate Discretionary category. The President shall submit copies of the Executive Recommendation and an explanation thereof by Wednesday of the fourth academic week to the Senators. A copy shall be made available in the ASUM office for member organizations to review.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 9.9 of ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to read as follows:  

9.9 Executive Recommendation. The President, in consultation with the Vice President and Business Manager, may elect to propose a budget. The Executive Recommendation may include any number of the budgeting categories, but if made, must leave a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total budget allocation in the Senate Discretionary category. Should the ASUM Executives choose only to make recommendations to some categories, or if the total remaining fund after Executive Recommendations exceeds the five percent (5%) minimum, all excess funds will be placed in the Senate Discretionary category. The President shall submit copies of the Executive Recommendation and an explanation thereof by Wednesday of the fourth academic week of the Spring Semester to the ASUM Senate. A copy shall be made available in the ASUM office for member organizations to review.
Passed by Committee: ______________________________, 2016

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Chair of Board on Budget and Finance  

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