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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Amending Section 9.5 of ASUM Fiscal Policy**  
3                                   **July 5th, 2016**  
4                                   **SB29-16/17**

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7                                   **Sponsored by:**  
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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, Section 9.5 of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently reads:

13               *9.5 Allocation Figures. During the second academic week of the Spring Semester, the*  
14               *Business Manager and the Accountant shall determine the total allocation figures for the*  
15               *upcoming fiscal year. This shall be done by determining the actual activity fee income for*  
16               *the prior fiscal year and then determining whether or not the enrollment projections*  
17               *indicate a substantial fluctuation. Based on that determination, the Business Manager*  
18               *shall make a conservative estimate of the total activity fee income for the upcoming fiscal*  
19               *year and budget 100% of that amount as well as the balance in the Unused Allocation*  
20               *account. The Administrative Assessment and Special Allocation budgets must be included*  
21               *in this amount. These figures shall be forwarded to the President, the Board, and the*  
22               *Senate.*

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24       Whereas, this is currently not the procedure that the Business Manager and the Accountant use to  
25       make projections for funding;

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27       Whereas, use of “Unused Allocation” (Zero-Base) funds for budget projection purposes is  
28       fiscally irresponsible, unsafe, and goes against ASUM’s own outlined use for Zero-Base Funds;

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30       Whereas, Travel is also a non-negotiable obligation that ASUM must include in budget  
31       projections;

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33       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 9.5 “Allocation Figures” of ASUM Fiscal Policy be  
34       amended to read as follows:

35               *During the second academic week of the Spring Semester, the Business Manager and the*  
36               *Accountant shall determine the total allocation figures for the upcoming fiscal year. This shall*  
37               *be done by determining the actual activity fee income for the prior fiscal year and then*  
38               *determining whether or not the enrollment projections indicate a substantial fluctuation. Based*  
39               *on that determination, the Business Manager shall make a conservative estimate of the total*  
40               *activity fee income for the upcoming fiscal year and budget 100% of that amount. All non-*  
41               *negotiable obligations, such as Administrative Assessment, Travel, and Special Allocation*  
42               *budgets must be included in this amount. These figures shall be forwarded to the President, the*  
43               *Board, and the Senate.*

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45       Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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