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

Whereas, Section 14.8 of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently reads as follows:

14.8 Funds in the Union Emergency Account are to be used for unforeseen travel by Sports and Music Union groups. These funds should be allocated on the basis of exceptional events of a prestigious nature, such as national and international events. These funds shall only be available upon a 4/5 approval of the Board.

Whereas, the final line of this clause is ambiguous and does not clearly delineate who has the final authority over the allocation Union Emergency Fund;

Whereas, member organizations of the Sports Club Union (SCU) and Music Union frequently receive invitations to events with very little notice for prestigious events, and it is imperative to these organizations that requests for emergency funding be processed quickly and efficiently;

Whereas, due to the time-sensitive nature of these requests, the ASUM Senate should have full authority to act quickly to respond to these requests without hindrance;

Whereas, no other request forms have these prohibitions that prevent the ASUM Senate from reviewing a request prior to the Board on Budget and Finance’s consent;

Whereas, the Board on Budget and Finance reports to the ASUM Senate;

Whereas, the process for how these requests are examined can be made clearer;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 14.8 of ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to read as follows:

14.8 Funds in the Union Emergency Account are to be used for unforeseen travel by Sports and Music Union groups. These funds should be allocated on the basis of exceptional events of a prestigious nature, such as national and international events. These funds shall be made available to the member organization upon EITHER a 4/5 approval of the Board, OR a 2/3 majority vote of the ASUM Senate. If time permits, the Board on Budget and Finance, by a simple majority vote, may send these requests forward to the ASUM Senate for review. In such cases, the funds must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Senate.

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