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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ASUM Executive Recommendations During Final Budgeting**
3 **October 11th, 2017**

4 **SB17-17/18**

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6 **Sponsored by:**

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

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11 Whereas, Article Nine (9), Section Nine (9) of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently reads:

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13 • *9.9 Executive Recommendation. The President, in consultation with the Vice President and Business*
14 *Manager, may elect to propose a budget. The Executive Recommendation may include any number of*
15 *the budgeting categories, but if made, must leave a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total budget*
16 *allocation in the Senate Discretionary category. Should the ASUM Executives choose only to make*
17 *recommendations to some categories, or if the total remaining fund after Executive Recommendations*
18 *exceeds the five percent (5%) minimum, all excess funds will be placed in the Senate Discretionary*
19 *category. The President shall submit copies of the Executive Recommendation and an explanation 43*
20 *thereof by Wednesday of the fourth academic week of the Spring Semester to the ASUM Senate. A*
21 *copy shall be made available in the ASUM office for member organizations to review.*

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23 Whereas, The Executive Recommendation is required to be submitted to the ASUM Senate by
24 the fourth academic week of the semester;

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26 Whereas, Formal Lobbying is required to be held during the fifth academic week of the semester;

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28 Whereas, The timeline included in this policy prevents executive teams from making
29 recommendations according to student groups' priorities that are expressed during Formal
30 Lobbying;

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32 Whereas, If the Executive Recommendation was able to be presented after Formal Lobbying, the
33 ASUM Executives will be able to present a more accurate Executive Recommendation to the
34 ASUM Senate, thereby saving time during Final Budgeting;

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article 9, Section 9 of ASUM Fiscal Policy be amended to
37 read:

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47 *available in the ASUM office for member organizations to review.*

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50 Passed by Committee: _____, 2017

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52 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

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57 Benjamin Kuiper,
Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

Brenna Love,
Chair of the Senate