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Resolution Regarding ASUM Executive Recommendations During Final Budgeting

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

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

- 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.

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

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

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

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

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

- 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
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Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

Brenna Love, Chairman
Chair of the Senate