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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) value and encourage engagement with student groups;

Whereas, Occasionally student groups fail to attend a Budgeting Information Session and thus do not fulfill the requirements of the current Fiscal Policy, which prohibits them from participating in the Final Budgeting process;

Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy does not have a formal process for student groups to petition the Senate to be reinstated into the Final Budgeting process;

Whereas, The current ASUM Fiscal Policy reads under section 9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session,

"Upon receiving the total appropriation figures for the coming fiscal year, the Board shall hold a minimum of one (1) mandatory student group information session, which shall be organized by and presided over by the Business Manager. At least one session shall be held during the second academic week of the Spring Semester. During this meeting, the Business Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions. Each student group that wishes to receive funding from ASUM must send at least one representative to at least one mandatory budgeting information session in order to be eligible to apply for ASUM funding during the Final Budgeting Session for the upcoming fiscal year. ";

Whereas, This new policy provides an opportunity for student groups to advocate for themselves;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM amends section 9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session of Fiscal Policy to read:

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academic week of Spring Semester. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager’s Report during the meeting in which the appeal was heard.

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Benjamin Kuiper                  Brenna Love,
Chair of Budget and Finance Committee  Chair of the Senate