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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Section 9.1 of Fiscal Policy**
3 **December 15, 2018**
4 **SB30-18/19**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its fiscal
8 policy;

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10 Whereas, Previous executive teams of ASUM neglected to follow ASUM fiscal policy and
11 allowed discrimination during several final budgeting sessions;

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13 Whereas, This discrimination was primarily levied against student groups that were composed of
14 law school students;

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16 Whereas, The basis for this discrimination was due to the fact that law school students only pay a
17 portion of the ASUM student activity fee;

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19 Whereas, This discrimination has led law school students to mistrust ASUM and discouraged a
20 majority of law school student groups from gaining recognition and applying for funding;

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22 Whereas, Section 9.1 of Fiscal Policy currently reads:

23 *9.1 The ASUM shall allocate and monitor the use of the ASUM Activity Fee.*

24 *9.1.1 Pursuant to the First Amendment of The Constitution of the United States of*
25 *America and the decision rendered by the U.S. Supreme Court in Rosenberger vs.*
26 *the University of Virginia, funding will not be denied to organizations that are*
27 *religious in nature or promote religion on the basis of the views, beliefs and*
28 *opinions they promote or support.*

29 *9.1.2 ASUM organizations shall not directly contribute to a campaign or political*
30 *organization with ASUM-allocated funds.*

31 *9.1.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Student Activity Fee funding*
32 *guidelines, no student news, information, opinion, entertainment, academic or*
33 *media communication shall solely be deemed ineligible for funding because of the*
34 *ideas or viewpoints expressed or advocated by the recognized organization.;*
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36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 9.1.4 be added to fiscal policy to read:

37 ***9.1.4 No student member organization may be denied or discriminated for***
38 ***funding based on school affiliation or school restrictions on paying the full***
39 ***ASUM activity fee.***
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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Summer Carmack,
42 President of the Student Bar Association; Lynda Hoover; Law School Student Services
43 Administrator; Student Presidents of Independent Student Organizations at the Alexander
44 Blewett III School of Law.

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46 Passed by Committee: February 18th, 2019