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SB29-18/19: Resolution Regarding Student Group Travel Requests for Funding Airfare

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Whereas, Student Groups frequently request funding for airfare during the Travel Allocation process for various reasons;

Whereas, ASUM (The Associated Students of the University of Montana) traditionally prioritizes the cost per student going on a trip during the Travel Allocation process, and airfare drastically increases the cost per student;

Whereas, ASUM generally has not approved funding for airfare based on limited funds for Travel Allocations due to the fact that many Student Groups recognized by ASUM submit Travel Requests;

Whereas, There is not currently any language in Fiscal Policy regarding funding for airfare;

Whereas, Inconsistencies in the amount of money budgeted for in Travel Allocations have arisen from a lack of language pertaining to airfare;

Whereas, If Student Groups were formally aware that airfare would not be funded in their Travel Requests, they may have the opportunity to request funding for and prioritize other travel-related expenses;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 14 of Fiscal Policy be amended to add Section 14.2.3 that reads:

2.3 The Senate will not fund domestic and/or international air transportation requests from Student Groups due to the relatively high cost of airfare.;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Travel Request Forms include this new language of Section 14.2.3 in Fiscal Policy to notify Student Groups that airfare will not be funded;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Fiscal Policy change take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2020;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to Kenzie Carter, ASUM Student Group Coordinator.

Passed by Committee: ___________________________ , 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2019

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Chair of Budget and Finance      Chair of the Senate