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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Budgeting Appeal Process in Section 9 of Fiscal Policy**
3 **February 19, 2019**
4 **SB35-18/19**

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6 **Sponsored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Senator;**
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and serves
9 all students at the University of Montana (UM);

10 Whereas, Participation in Final Budgeting is crucial to Student Member Organizations' ability to
11 be active in the following fiscal year;

12 Whereas, The appeals process outlined in Fiscal Policy is limited to a specific set of
13 circumstances;

14 Whereas, The appeals process is restrictive and punitive;

15 Whereas, Allowing as many Student Member Organizations to participate as possible helps
16 ASUM pursue its mission in serving all students at UM;

17 Whereas, Section 9.6 reads:

18 *9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session. Upon receiving the total*
19 *appropriation figures for the coming fiscal year, the Board shall hold a minimum of one*
20 *(1) mandatory student group information session, which shall be organized by and*
21 *presided over by the Business Manager. At least one session shall be held during the*
22 *second academic week of the Spring Semester. During this meeting, the Business*
23 *Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions.*
24 *Each student group that wishes to receive funding from ASUM must send at least one*
25 *representative to at least one mandatory budgeting information session in order to be*
26 *eligible to apply for ASUM funding during the Final Budgeting Session for the upcoming*
27 *fiscal year. A student organization deemed ineligible to participate in ASUM Final*
28 *Budgeting for not attending a mandatory Student Group Budgeting Information Session*
29 *may appeal to the Senate to participate in the Final Budgeting process if the student*
30 *organization had submitted their Budget Request Form by the deadline set within the*
31 *third academic week of Spring Semester. These student organizations must be notified of*
32 *the aforementioned appeals process by the Business Manager no later than twenty four*
33 *hours prior to the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester.*
34 *All appeals must be heard during Public Comment of a Senate meeting during the fourth*
35 *academic week of Spring Semester. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds*
36 *majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager's Report during the meeting in*
37 *which the appeal was heard;*
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39 Whereas, Section 9.8 reads:

40 *9.8 Budget Request Form Due Date and Approval. The Business Manager shall set a date*
41 *within the third academic week of the Spring Semester in which Budget Request forms*
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93 adherence to the Fiscal Policy. If the Business Manager does not approve a budget
94 request form due to its apparent deviation from the Fiscal Policy, the request form shall
95 be taken to the Board, and then notify the Student Organization of the committee
96 meeting time. If the Board does not meet prior to Formal Lobbying the Business
97 Manager must call a special meeting of the Board in order to accommodate this
98 process. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve any Budget Request
99 Form not initially approved by the Business Manager.;


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101 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the following bullets in Section 9 be renumbered to
102 accommodate the division of Section 9.8 into two bullets labeled 9.8 and 9.9.

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104 Passed by Committee: Feb 24, 2019

105 Passed by ASUM Senate: Feb 27, 2019

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108 Andria Schafer,
109 Chair of Budget and Finance

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108 Mariah Welch,
109 Chair of the Senate