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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Travel Allocation Funding During Final Budgeting**
3 **March 14, 2019**
4 **SB51-18/19**

5 **Authored by: Zoe Nelson, ASUM Senator;**
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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, All travel allocations are reviewed in the fourth week of the Fall semester and third
11 week of the Spring semester by the Board on Budget and Finance to be reviewed by the Senate;¹
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13 Whereas, Travel requests are to be submitted in the semester in which the travel occurs;²
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15 Whereas, Student appropriations funded during Final Budgeting are to be used for the next fiscal
16 year;³
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18 Whereas, Section 14.2 of Fiscal Policy reads:
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20 *"The Senate may choose to fund or partially fund transportation costs, and/or*
21 *registration fees. Travel and lodging reimbursement rates shall be allocated, or partially*
22 *allocated, according to State or ASUM rates. Funding for food is prohibited in this*
23 *section.";*
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25 Whereas, Student interest organizations that use Final Budgeting to fund registration fees, for
26 both in and out of state purposes, have access to more funds than student interest organizations
27 that request for registration fees through Travel Allocations;
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29 Whereas, The Senate in Final Budgeting (2018/2019) refused to fund Travel Allocations in the
30 form of lodging and transportation, but made an exception for registration fees;
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32 Whereas, Inconsistencies in Final Budgeting harm student access to funding;
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34 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 9.14.1.6 be added to Fiscal Policy to read:
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36 *"The Senate shall not fund or partially fund transportation costs, and/or*
37 *registration fees. Travel and lodging reimbursement rates shall not be allocated, or*
38 *partially allocated.";*
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40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Business Manager in Student Group Budgeting
41 Information Sessions make these changes known to student interest organizations;
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¹ Fiscal Policy 14.5.1

² Fiscal Policy 14.6

³ Fiscal Policy 9.2 and 9.14

43 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office
44 Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; and Kenzie Carter, ASUM Student Group
45 Coordinator.

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47 Passed by Committee: April 8th, 2019

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49 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 10th, 2019

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51 Andria Schafer
52 Andria Schafer,
53 Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance
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Mariah Welch
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Chair of the Senate

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