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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 9.1.4 of ASUM Fiscal Policy**
3 **November 7, 2019**
4 **SB33-19/20**

5 **Authored by: Daniel Parsons, ASUM Business Manager;**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) oversees and provides funding
8 for all recognized student groups on campus;

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10 Whereas, ASUM provides funding to many different types of student groups on campus, including clubs
11 that are affiliated with academic departments;

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13 Whereas, The Statement of Scope for the ASUM Fiscal Policy is outlined in Section 2.0:

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15 *“The ASUM shall fund only those activities whose primary beneficiary is the student population*
16 *at The University of Montana. No ASUM funds may be used for alcohol, awards, gifts, University*
17 *of Montana infrastructure, direct academic support, or private investment. Any individual*
18 *participating in or utilizing any ASUM funded program must pay the ASUM Activity Fee and/or*
19 *another specifically designated ASUM assessment.”;*

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21 Whereas, Section 9.1.4 of ASUM Fiscal Policy states the following:

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23 *“No student member organization may be denied or discriminated for funding based on school*
24 *affiliation or school restrictions on paying the full ASUM activity fee.”;*

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26 Whereas, Section 9.1.4 contradicts the Statement of Scope of the ASUM Fiscal Policy;

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28 Whereas, ASUM currently requires at least 85% of a student group’s makeup be composed of students
29 who pay the ASUM Activity Fee as stated in Article V Section 4 of the ASUM Bylaws:

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31 *“I. A group containing non-members may achieve recognition so long as its total membership is*
32 *at least 85% ASUM members. This requirement can be waived by recommendation from the*
33 *Board on Member Organizations and a 2/3 conformation from the ASUM Senate.”;*

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35 Whereas, Student groups whose membership do not meet this 85% threshold are not permitted to be
36 recognized, and thus do not receive access to ASUM funds;

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38 Whereas, ASUM is required to deny student member organizations from funding based on this threshold
39 for payment of the ASUM activity fee;

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41 Whereas, There are currently no school restrictions that prohibit students from paying the full ASUM
42 activity fee;

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44 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 9.1.4 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read the following:

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46 *“No student member organization may be denied or discriminated for funding based on school*
47 *affiliation or school restrictions on paying the full ASUM activity fee. However, student groups*
48 *will not receive funding for direct academic support.”;*

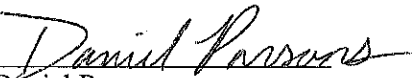
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50 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwendolyn Coon, ASUM Office
51 Manager; and Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant.

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53 Passed by Committee: November 8th, 2019

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55 Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4th, 2019

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58 Daniel Parsons,
59 Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

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63 Resolution Passed: 24 Yes 0 No 1 Abstention



Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate