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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 20 of Fiscal Policy**

3 **November 19, 2019**

4 **SB49-19/20**

5 **Authored by: Zoe Nelson, ASUM Senator;**

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7 Whereas, All monies held by the Associated Student of the University of Montana (ASUM) are
8 administered by a Fiscal Policy regarding procurement, distribution, and expenditure of the
9 ASUM Activity Fee;

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11 Whereas, According to Section 9.1 of Fiscal Policy, "ASUM shall allocate and monitor the use
12 of the ASUM Activity Fee.";

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14 Whereas, The S.T.I.P. Interest (S.T.I.P.) account allows for the funding of one-time capital
15 projects for on-campus investments;

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17 Whereas, Section 20, which outlines S.T.I.P. allocation policy, is in need of general update to
18 eliminate repetition within the Section;

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20 Whereas, Section 20.10 is an exact replica of Section 20.6;

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22 Whereas, Section 20.6 states, "S.T.I.P. requests must have a value of at least \$150. Items that do
23 not individually exceed \$150 may be grouped together until \$150 is reached.";

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25 Whereas, Section 20.6 has not been followed, in regard to grouping items, in the past couple
26 years and should be adjusted to give the Board on Budget and Finance stronger guidelines and
27 clear oversight for funding S.T.I.P. requests;

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29 Whereas, Considerations for bureaucratic inefficiency are inconsiderate to ASUM's Fiscal
30 Policy;

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32 Whereas, Section 20.7 mandates that, "The Board shall recommend specific requests and submit
33 them to the Senate for majority approval.";

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35 Whereas, Grouping items together has made it more difficult for the Board on Budget and
36 Finance and the Senate to adequately assess and fund S.T.I.P. Requests;

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38 Whereas, Previous violations to Section 20.6 and 20.7 have enabled student groups to utilize full
39 discretion over funding an array of items, stripping the Board on Budget and Finance and the
40 Senate of fiscal oversight;

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 20.10 be removed from Fiscal Policy;

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44 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 20.6 be amended to read,
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46 *20.6 S.T.I.P. requests must have a value of at least \$150. Items that do not*
47 *individually exceed \$150 may be grouped together until \$150 is reached.;*
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49 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 20.7 be inserted to read,

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51 ***20.7 Student Groups must submit a separate S.T.I.P. request for each***
52 ***unique item.;***
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54 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the numbering be adjusted to reflect
55 these changes;

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57 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM
58 Office Manager and Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Office Accountant.

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60 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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62 Passed by ASUM Senate: January 22, 2020

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Daniel Parsons,
Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate

Resolution approved unanimously