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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Travel Rates for the Fall 2020 Semester**
3 **August 11th, 2020**
4 **SB 5 - 20/21**

5 **Authored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Business Manager;**
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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, Fiscal Policy has created reimbursement rates for lodging, commercial airfare, and
11 personal car usage if member organizations travel;

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13 Whereas, Section 14.3 of Fiscal Policy currently reads:

14 *14.3 ASUM rates are:*

15 o *Private Vehicle \$.15/mile*

16 o *Commercial Airfare up to 25% round-trip ticket price per person to be*
17 *reimbursed following completion of out-of-state trip not to exceed \$75/person.*

18 o *Lodging (4 persons per room) (\$20.00/person)(up to 5 nights)*

19 o *A "waiver of additional reimbursement" shall be required for travel not covered*
20 *under State policy.;*

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22 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the United States, and
23 member organizations travelling could face health risks;

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25 Whereas, To protect member organizations and their members, ASUM, in collaboration with the
26 Office of Risk Management, will only be allowing in-state travel;

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28 Whereas, The current reimbursement rates allow for airfare to be funded only for out-of-state
29 trips, which ASUM is not allowing for the fall semester;

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31 Whereas, The current rates for lodging require member organizations to put 4 students in a room
32 before reserving other hotel rooms;

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34 Whereas, Filling rooms with this many students does not allow social distancing;

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM suspend section 14.3 of Fiscal Policy for the duration
37 of the fall semester;

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39 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM adopt the following rates and guidance for
40 the fall 2020 semester:

41 o *Private Vehicle \$.15/mile*

42 o *Lodging (2 persons per room) (\$50.00/person) (up to 5 nights)*

43 o *Commercial Airfare shall not be reimbursed*

44 o *A "waiver of additional reimbursement" shall be required for travel not*
45 *covered under State policy.;*

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That section 14.3 of Fiscal Policy be reinstated at 9:00am
48 on January 11th, 2021;

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50 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Gwen Coon, ASUM
51 Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; Bailey Durnell, Student Group
52 Coordinator; Jason Sloat, Risk and Insurance Manager; Jordan Hess, Director of the Office for
53 Transportation.

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56 Passed by ASUM Senate: August 19, 2020

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Patrick James Flanagan,
61 Chair of the Senate