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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 26.0 of Fiscal Policy**

3 **July 16th, 2020**

4 **SB 12 - 20/21**

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6 **Sponsored by: Maggie Bornstein, ASUM Senator; Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator;**
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8 **Jr., ASUM Senator;**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its fiscal
11 policy;

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13 Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy delineates all fiscal matters of the ASUM office and student
14 groups;

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16 Whereas, During the summer of 2020, a working group met to completely revise the ASUM
17 Fiscal Policy;

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19 Whereas, Section 26.0 governs ASUM's rental program that the Business Manager and Student
20 Group Coordinator manage and oversee;

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22 Whereas, This section stipulates how ASUM can obtain rental equipment for member
23 organizations, how fees can be set, and how the equipment is managed;

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25 Whereas, Renting equipment to member organizations increases ASUM's ability to track,
26 properly maintain, and increase longevity of rental items;

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28 Whereas, During the 2019-2020 academic year, this section underwent significant changes in
29 order to address recommendations from the ASUM audit conducted in the summer of 2019 as
30 well as better align with current ASUM practices;

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32 Whereas, Although recent changes were made, parts of the section still
33 need further revision to better align with current ASUM practices and simultaneously increase
34 the efficiency of the equipment rental process;

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36 Whereas, The problem areas identified within the section are the processes of establishing
37 late fees and cleaning fees, the option to charge for the rentals, and clarifying the process for
38 disciplinary action if ASUM needs to take such action;

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40 Whereas, ASUM believes that there should be no charge for renting out any piece of equipment;

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That subsection 26.1 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

43 *26.1 ASUM may purchase items, using the S.T.I.P Account, with the intent of renting said*
44 *items out to agencies and member organizations that have been verified by the Board on*
45 *Member Organizations and recognized by the ASUM-Senate as defined in Article*
46 *IV Section 4 of ASUM Bylaws.;*

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Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That subsection 26.2 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

26.2 It is the duty of the ~~ASUM~~ Business Manager to account for and manage all rental items available to student groups in conjunction with the Student Group Coordinator.;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That subsection 26.3 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

26.3 There will not be a price for member organizations renting equipment. The ~~price, late fees, and~~ time period of rental for a specific item will be determined by the ~~ASUM~~ Business Manager in conjunction with the Student Group Coordinator. If the Business Manager wishes to establish a late fee, they must do so within the first 3 weeks of the academic year. The amount of the late fee must be ~~and~~ approved by ~~Senate~~ the Board with a majority (50% plus 1) vote. If a group returns equipment that needs to be cleaned, the Student Group Coordinator, in consultation with the Business Manager, may charge a cleaning fee. The cleaning fee shall be established at the beginning of the year and charged consistently to every member organization during the entire academic year.;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That subsection 26.4 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

26.4 Member Organizations that do not return rented items in the allotted time period are subject to disciplinary actions. Said disciplinary actions may include late fees, freezing of their ASUM account, inability to request further funds, and revoking of student group status. Any disciplinary actions ~~above~~ other than approved late fees must go through the Board ~~on Budget and Finance, in collaboration with the Board on Members,~~ and receive approval from a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate. If disciplinary action involves taking action on a member organization's recognition status, the issue will be sent to the Board on Member Organizations with a recommendation from the Board.;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That subsection 26.5 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

26.5 Student groups may appeal assessed late charges with a written request submitted to the Business Manager. Said request must receive approval from a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board ~~on Budget and Finance.~~;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; Bailey Durnell, Student Group Coordinator.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

Passed by ASUM Senate: August 26, 2020

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Ethan Hanley, Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance Chair of the Senate