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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Section 10.0 of Fiscal Policy**
3 **July 16, 2020**
4 **SB 18 - 20/21**

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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 10.0 delineates all things regarding the Status of ASUM accounts;

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21 Whereas, Section 10.2 of Fiscal Policy currently states:

22 *10.2 As provided by an ASUM organization on their group recognition form, or when*
23 *changes necessitate, organizations must submit the name, address and phone number of*
24 *those students authorized to request or distribute funds from organization accounts. Any*
25 *organization not in compliance with this section shall be notified within five (5) business*
26 *days by the Business Manager and have its account frozen until these requirements are*
27 *met. In addition, faculty advisors or other non-student affiliates of a student group may*
28 *deposit funds into that group's account. Any action that would result in a reduction of*
29 *funds from a student group account may only be made by a non-student affiliate if and*
30 *only if the withdrawal is sanctioned by one of the student group's authorized student*
31 *members. This sanctioning must be approved by the ASUM Office Manager. These*
32 *members are designated in the group's Financial Accounts section of the current*
33 *academic year ASUM Student Group Recognition Application. This restriction includes*
34 *club-fundraised funds as well as ASUM Allocated Funds.;*
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36 Whereas, Instances of "organizations" stated as an abbreviation of "member organizations"
37 should be fully spelled out to accurately reflect the definitions set forth in Section 1.0 of Fiscal
38 Policy;

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40 Whereas, Current Student Group recognition practices require a name, email address, and 790
41 number for group members which contradicts Fiscal Policy's current enforcements of providing
42 a name, phone number, and physical address;

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44 Whereas, Student Groups are currently required to provide names, email addresses, and 790
45 numbers of members prior to becoming recognized;

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47 Whereas, Section 10.2 is a rather large section of Fiscal Policy, delineating both Student Group
48 recognition and Student Group financial accounts which suggests the need to separate Section
49 10.2 into two sections;

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51 Whereas, A withdrawal of funds from a Student Group's Account must be made by, or approved
52 by an executive member of said Student Group as opposed to any general member;

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54 Whereas, Fiscal Policy should not encourage a non-student affiliate to withdraw funds from any
55 ASUM account over that of a Student Group executive;

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57 Whereas, Section 10.5 of Fiscal Policy currently states;

58 *10.5 Any unexpended amount remaining in the following accounts at fiscal year-end shall*
59 *be retained in their respective accounts:*

- 60 ○ASUM Administration
- 61 ○ASUM Legal Services
- 62 ○ASUM Childcare
- 63 ○ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center
- 64 ○ASUM Student Political Action
- 65 ○ASUM Sustainability
- 66 ○ASUM Student Gardens;

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68 Whereas, ASUM Student Gardens has not had an ASUM oversight board or account since
69 2017;

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71 Whereas, Section 10.7 of ASUM Fiscal Policy currently states:

72 *10.7 The organizations listed below, which are funded in part or whole by the ASUM*
73 *Activity Fee, may meet with the Board once each semester should either the Board or the*
74 *organization request such a meeting. The purpose of these meetings shall be to update*
75 *the Board on budgeted activities. These meetings may be attended by*
76 *the Accountant and/or Office Manager in order to help clarify any budget problems. The*
77 *Business Manager shall then report the Board's findings and recommendations to the*
78 *Senate.*

- 79 ○ (Organization - Income Source)
- 80 ○ Child Care - Parent User Fees
- 81 ○ Montana Kaimin - Student Kaimin Fee, Advertisements, Subscriptions
- 82 ○ Legal Services - Legal Services Trust
- 83 ○ Student Radio Organization. - Student Radio Fee
- 84 ○ ASUM Office of Transportation - Transportation Fee
- 85 ○ ASUM office of Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach
- 86 - ASUM Activity Fee

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88 *The only exception shall be the ASUM Administration, which may be reviewed on a*
89 *monthly basis.;*

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91 Whereas, There may be instances where the organizations listed in Section 10.7 need to meet
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Whereas, This Section may grant ASUM organizations and the Board on Budget and Finance more discretion on when to meet by eliminating the once per semester requirement, and the monthly basis exception for the ASUM Administration;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 10.2 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

*10.2 As provided by an ASUM **member** organization on their group recognition form, or when changes necessitate, organizations must submit the name, **email address**, and **790** number of those students authorized to request or distribute funds from organization accounts. Any organization not in compliance with this section shall be notified within five (5) business days by the Business Manager and have its account frozen until these requirements are met.;*

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 10.3 be renumbered to 10.4 and all subsequent subsections be renumbered to adjust for this change;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 10.3 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

*10.3 Faculty advisors or other non-student affiliates of a **member organization** may deposit funds into that group's account. Any action that would result in a **withdrawal** of funds from a **member organization's** account may only be made by ~~a non-student affiliate if and only if the withdrawal is sanctioned by one of the~~ **member organization's** authorized student members **to** be approved by the ASUM Office Manager. These members are designated in the group's Financial Accounts section of the current academic year ASUM Student Group Recognition Application. This restriction includes club-fundraised funds as well as ASUM Allocated Funds.;*

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 10.6 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

10.56 Any unexpended amount remaining in the following accounts at fiscal year-end shall be retained in their respective account:

- oASUM Administration*
- oASUM Legal Services*
- oASUM Childcare*
- oASUM Off-Campus Renter Center*
- oASUM Student Political Action*
- oASUM Sustainability*
- oASUM Student Gardens;*

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 10.8 of Fiscal Policy be amended to read:

10.78 The organizations listed below, which are funded in part or whole by the ASUM Activity Fee, may meet with the Board ~~once each semester~~ should either the Board or the organization request such a meeting. The purpose of these meetings shall be to update the Board on budgeted activities. These meetings may be attended by the Accountant and/or Office Manager in order to help clarify any budget problems. The Business Manager shall then report the Board's findings and recommendations to the Senate.

- o (Organization - Income Source)*
- o Child Care - Parent User Fees*

- 139 ○ *Montana Kaimin - Student Kaimin Fee, Advertisements, Subscriptions*
- 140 ○ *Legal Services - Legal Services Trust*
- 141 ○ *Student Radio Organization. - Student Radio Fee*
- 142 ○ *ASUM Office of Transportation - Transportation Fee*
- 143 ○ ***ASUM Administration - ASUM Activity Fee***
- 144 ○ *ASUM office of Off-Campus Housing and Neighborhood Outreach -ASUM*
- 145 *Activity Fee*

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147 ~~*The only exception shall be the ASUM administration, which may be reviewed on a*~~
148 ~~*monthly basis;*~~

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

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155 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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157 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 2, 2020

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