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### **SB30-20/21: Resolution Amending Section 21.0 of Fiscal Policy**

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1                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Amending Section 21.0 of Fiscal Policy**

3                   **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

4                   **SB 30 - 20/21**

5                   **Authored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Business Manager;**

6                   **Sponsored by: Maggie Bornstein, ASUM Senator; Noah Durnell, ASUM Senator;**  
7                   **Jonathan Karlen, ASUM Senator; Christian Pfeifer, ASUM Senator; Jack Rinck, ASUM**  
8                   **Senator; Vincent C. Tarallo 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 21.0 of Fiscal Policy outlines the process for adjudicating and disciplining  
20           member organizations that violate Fiscal Policy and/or commit other Financial Infractions;

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22           Whereas; This section also briefly lays out interim action the Business Manager can take in  
23           dealing with these matters;

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25           Whereas; The current state of section 21.0 did not put limits or a timeline of when the Business  
26           Manager is allowed to impose this;

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28           Whereas, The process of financial infractions was very bare and only included the hearing of the  
29           Board, vote thresholds, and the appeals process to the Senate;

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31           Whereas, There is a need to flesh the section out to make the process more clear for member  
32           organizations that may have committed financial infractions;

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34           Whereas, Putting limitations on interim action for the Business Manager would reduce a  
35           potential abuse of power and streamline the process;

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37           Whereas, Having minimum sanctions for certain violations would help keep consistency when  
38           ASUM sanctions member organizations;

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40           Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the entirety of section 21.0 be struck with exception to the  
41           header;

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43           Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That section 21.1 be created and read:

44 *21.1 If an organization commits an infraction of this Fiscal Policy, that organization*  
45 *shall be notified to appear before the Board to explain their action(s).;*

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That section 21.2 be created and read:

48 *21.2 Once a member organization has been found to have committed an infraction, the*  
49 *Board will hear the case no later than two (2) weeks of the receipt of the infraction.*  
50 *During the time the Board does not see the case, the Business Manager may take interim*  
51 *action which can include, but is not limited to, freezing the organization's account.;*

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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That section 21.3 be created and read:

54 *21.3 The Board shall be empowered with the authority to send a letter of reprimand to*  
55 *the organization, freeze the organization's account, and/or take other appropriate action.*  
56 *Action(s) that the Board takes must be confirmed by a majority (50% plus 1) vote.;*

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58 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That section 21.4 be created and read:

59 *21.4 Once the Board has made a decision regarding the member organization's*  
60 *infractions and possible sanctions, it shall go before the Senate to be ratified by a*  
61 *majority (50% plus 1) vote. The action(s) taken by the Board shall be in effect until other*  
62 *action, if any, is taken by the Senate. The Senate is empowered to modify, strengthen, or*  
63 *eliminate sanctions on the group.;*

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65 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Section 21.5 be created and read:

66 *21.5 The following infractions shall have minimum sanctions if a member organization is*  
67 *found to have committed them:*

- 68 ○ *21.5.1 Outside Accounts. The minimum sanction for a member organization*  
69 *violating the outside account policy is a written warning. A second violation of*  
70 *this policy will result in the member organization's account being frozen for a*  
71 *month and a meeting with the Business Manager and Office Manager to ensure*  
72 *the member organization is in compliance with Fiscal Policy. Any further*  
73 *violations of this policy will result in the member organization's account being*  
74 *frozen for the remainder of the academic year.;*

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

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81 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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83 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 30, 2020

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87 Ethan Hanley,  
88 Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

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Patrick James Flanagan,  
Chair of the Senate