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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Prohibiting ASUM Funds to be used for Honorariums**

3 **January 20th, 2021**

4 **SB56 – 20/21**

5 **Authored by: Cierra Anderson, Student-at-Large;**

6 **Sponsored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Business Manager;**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its Fiscal
9 Policy;

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11 Whereas, ASUM allows its member organizations to request funds for honorariums, which is a
12 gift given for a professional service(s);

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14 Whereas, Section 2.0 of Fiscal Policy currently reads:

15 *The ASUM shall fund only those activities whose primary beneficiary is the student*
16 *population at The University of Montana. No ASUM funds may be used for alcohol,*
17 *awards, gifts, University of Montana infrastructure, direct academic support, or private*
18 *investment. Any individual participating in or utilizing any ASUM funded program must*
19 *pay the ASUM Activity Fee and/or another specifically designated ASUM assessment.;*

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21 Whereas, Determining whether or not an honorarium is considered a gift has been a constant
22 issue faced by ASUM;

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24 Whereas, ASUM has been inconsistent when determining whether or not to fund honorariums
25 because of the continued debate;

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27 Whereas, The resulting inconsistency leaves student groups uncertain about whether or not
28 honorariums may be funded;

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30 Whereas, The resulting inconsistency could also put ASUM in a precarious situation regarding
31 adherence to its Fiscal Policy;

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33 Whereas, ASUM offers funding for “contracted services” which is a more appropriate avenue for
34 member organizations to request funds for speakers;

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 2.0 be amended to read:

37 *The ASUM shall fund only those activities whose primary beneficiary is the student*
38 *population at The University of Montana. No ASUM funds may be used for alcohol,*
39 *awards, gifts, **honorariums**, University of Montana infrastructure, direct academic*
40 *support, or private investment. Any individual participating in or utilizing any ASUM*
41 *funded program must pay the ASUM Activity Fee and/or another specifically designated*
42 *ASUM assessment.;*

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

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49 Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: January 27 _____, 2021

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Ethan Hanley,
56 Chair of the Board on Budget and Finance

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate