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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Student Group Travel Requests for Funding Airfare**
3 **February 20, 2019**
4 **SB29-18/19**

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6 **ASUM Senator;**

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9 Whereas, Student Groups frequently request funding for airfare during the Travel Allocation process for
10 various reasons;

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12 Whereas, ASUM (The Associated Students of the University of Montana) traditionally prioritizes the cost
13 per student going on a trip during the Travel Allocation process, and airfare drastically increases the cost
14 per student;

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16 Whereas, ASUM generally has not approved funding for airfare based on limited funds for Travel
17 Allocations due to the fact that many Student Groups recognized by ASUM submit Travel Requests;

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19 Whereas, There is not currently any language in Fiscal Policy regarding funding for airfare;

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21 Whereas, Inconsistencies in the amount of money budgeted for in Travel Allocations have arisen from a
22 lack of language pertaining to airfare;

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24 Whereas, If Student Groups were formally aware that airfare would not be funded in their Travel
25 Requests, they may have the opportunity to request funding for and prioritize other travel-related
26 expenses;

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28 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 14 of Fiscal Policy be amended to add Section 14.2.3 that
29 reads:

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31 *2.3 The Senate will not fund domestic and/or international air transportation requests from*
32 *Student Groups due to the relatively high cost of airfare.;*

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Travel Request Forms include this new language of Section
35 14.2.3 in Fiscal Policy to notify Student Groups that airfare will not be funded;

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37 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Fiscal Policy change take effect at the beginning
38 of Fiscal Year 2020;

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to Kenzie Carter, ASUM Student
41 Group Coordinator.

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44 Passed by Committee: _____, 2019

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46 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2019

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50 Andria Schafer

Mariah Welch,

51 Chair of Budget and Finance
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Chair of the Senate