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The Associated Students of the University of Montana 1 Resolution Regarding Budgeting Appeal Process in Section 9 of Fiscal Policy 2 3 February 19, 2019 4 SB35-18/19 5 Authored by: Alexandria Schafer, ASUM Business Manager; Sponsored by: Ethan Hanley, ASUM Senator; 6 7 8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and serves 9 all students at the University of Montana (UM): 10 Whereas, Participation in Final Budgeting is crucial to Student Member Organizations' ability to 11 12 be active in the following fiscal year; 13 Whereas, The appeals process outlined in Fiscal Policy is limited to a specific set of 14 15 circumstances; 16 Whereas, The appeals process is restrictive and punitive; 17 18 Whereas, Allowing as many Student Member Organizations to participate as possible helps 19 ASUM pursue its mission in serving all students at UM; 20 21 22 Whereas, Section 9.6 reads: 9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session. Upon receiving the total 23 appropriation figures for the coming fiscal year, the Board shall hold a minimum of one 24 25 (1) mandatory student group information session, which shall be organized by and presided over by the Business Manager. At least one session shall be held during the 26 second academic week of the Spring Semester. During this meeting, the Business 27 Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions. 28 Each student group that wishes to receive funding from ASUM must send at least one 29 representative to at least one mandatory budgeting information session in order to be 30 eligible to apply for ASUM funding during the Final Budgeting Session for the upcoming 31 fiscal year. A student organization deemed ineligible to participate in ASUM Final 32 Budgeting for not attending a mandatory Student Group Budgeting Information Session 33 may appeal to the Senate to participate in the Final Budgeting process if the student 34 organization had submitted their Budget Request Form by the deadline set within the 35 third academic week of Spring Semester, These student organizations must be notified of 36 the aforementioned appeals process by the Business Manager no later than twenty four 37 hours prior to the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester. 38 All appeals must be heard during Public Comment of a Senate meeting during the fourth 39 academic week of Spring Semester. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds 40 majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager's Report during the meeting in 41 42 which the appeal was heard; 43 Whereas, Section 9.8 reads: 44 9.8 Budget Request Form Due Date and Approval. The Business Manager shall set a date 45 within the third academic week of the Spring Semester in which Budget Request forms 46

| 93  | adherence to the Fiscal Policy. If the Business Manager does not approve a budget               |
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| 94  | request form due to its apparent deviation from the Fiscal Policy, the request form shall       |
| 95  | be taken to the Board, and then notify the Student Organization of the committee                |
| 96  | meeting time. If the Board does not meet prior to Formal Lobbying the Business                  |
| 97  | Manager must call a special meeting of the Board in order to accommodate this                   |
| 98  | process. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve any Budget Request           |
| 99  | Form not initially approved by the Business Manager.;   |
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| 101 | Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the following bullets in Section 9 be renumbered to |
| 102 | accommodate the division of Section 9.8 into two bullets labeled 9.8 and 9.9.                   |
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103 104 Passed by Committee: Feb 24

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