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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Removing the Fall Semester Travel Deadline**
3 **September 29, 2021**

4 **SB21-21/22**

5 **Authored by: Jack Rinck, ASUM Business Manager;**
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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana ("ASUM") allocates funds to
8 recognized member organizations;

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10 Whereas, ASUM currently funds member organizations' travel on a semiannual basis during
11 each academic semester;

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13 Whereas, ASUM and the Board on Budget and Finance ("Board") is governed by its Fiscal
14 Policy;

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16 Whereas, Section 14.1.1 of Fiscal Policy states:

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18 *14.1.1 At the beginning of each fiscal year, \$26,000 shall be deposited in the Travel*
19 *Allocation Account. The Board on Budget and Finance shall not allocate more*
20 *than 50% of this money during Fall Semester, with the remaining 50% to be*
21 *allocated during Spring Semester.;*
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23 Whereas, The Board is not allowed to deplete MST027, the ASUM Travel Allocation Account,
24 below fifty percent of \$26,000 during the Fall Semester;

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26 Whereas, Section 14.5 of Fiscal Policy states:

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28 *14.5 Travel Requests must be submitted to the Business Manager by the Friday of the*
29 *fourth week of Fall Semester and by the Friday of the third week of Spring*
30 *Semester. Requests must be submitted in the semester in which travel occurs. If a*
31 *request is placed before the Group Recognition Form deadline, the Group*
32 *Recognition Form must be submitted in advance of the request.*

33 *14.5.1 The Board shall review all requests during the fifth week of Fall*
34 *Semester and third week of Spring Semester. Recommendations will*
35 *be made to be approved by the Senate.;*
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37 Whereas, The deadline for travel requests early in the academic year is burdensome on member
38 organizations who simultaneously are re-recognizing with ASUM, establishing their regular
39 meeting time, and recruiting new members;

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41 Whereas, The risk of overspending out of MST027 is already curtailed by existing language
42 outlined in Section 14.1.1 of Fiscal Policy;

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44 Whereas, The current deadline for Fall Semester travel prohibits new groups who have yet to be
45 recognized by ASUM to apply for travel allocations;

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47 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 14.5 be amended to read:


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49 **14.5 Travel Requests submitted for the Fall Semester will be considered by the Board**
50 **on a rolling basis. Travel Requests for the Spring Semester must be submitted**
51 **by the Friday of the third academic week. ~~must be submitted to the Business~~
52 ~~Manager by the Friday of the fourth week of Fall Semester and by the Friday of~~
53 ~~the third week of Spring Semester. Requests must be submitted in the semester in~~
54 ~~which travel occurs. If a request is placed before the Group Recognition Form~~
55 ~~deadline, the Group Recognition Form must be submitted in advance of the~~
56 ~~request, or at the discretion of the Business Manager.~~**

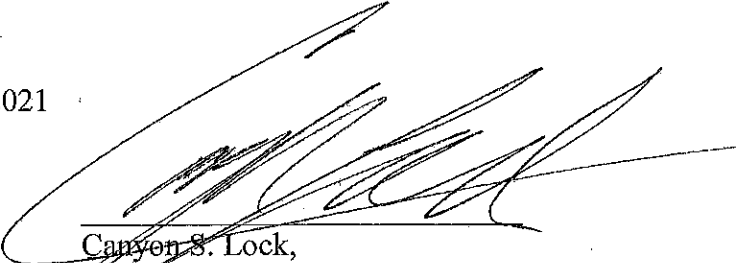
57 **14.5.1 The Board shall review all requests on a rolling basis during the**
58 **Fall Semester and by the conclusion of the fourth week of the**
59 **Spring Semester. ~~during the fifth week of Fall Semester and third~~
60 ~~week of Spring Semester. Recommendations shall be made will be~~
61 ~~made to be approved by the to the Senate for confirmation.;~~
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63 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to, Gwen Coon, ASUM Office
64 Manager and Asher Swan Adams, ASUM Student Group Coordinator.

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67 Passed by Committee: October 1, 2021

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69 Passed by ASUM Senate: October 8, 2021

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73 Jack M. Rinck,
74 Chair of Board on Budget and Finance


Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate

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76 Passed Unanimously.