Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and serves all students at the University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, Participation in Final Budgeting is crucial to Student Member Organizations’ ability to be active in the following fiscal year;

Whereas, The appeals process outlined in Fiscal Policy is limited to a specific set of circumstances;

Whereas, The appeals process is restrictive and punitive;

Whereas, Allowing as many Student Member Organizations to participate as possible helps ASUM pursue its mission in serving all students at UM;

Whereas, Section 9.6 reads:

9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session. Upon receiving the total appropriation figures for the coming fiscal year, the Board shall hold a minimum of one (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 second academic week of the Spring Semester. During this meeting, the Business Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions. Each student group that wishes to receive funding from ASUM must send at least one representative to at least one mandatory budgeting information session in order to be eligible to apply for ASUM funding during the Final Budgeting Session for the upcoming fiscal year. A student organization deemed ineligible to participate in ASUM Final Budgeting for not attending a mandatory Student Group Budgeting Information Session may appeal to the Senate to participate in the Final Budgeting process if the student organization had submitted their Budget Request Form by the deadline set within the third academic week of Spring Semester. These student organizations must be notified of the aforementioned appeals process by the Business Manager no later than twenty four hours prior to the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester. All appeals must be heard during Public Comment of a Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager’s Report during the meeting in which the appeal was heard;

Whereas, Section 9.8 reads:

9.8 Budget Request Form Due Date and Approval. The Business Manager shall set a date within the third academic week of the Spring Semester in which Budget Request forms
shall be due. The Business Manager shall inform organizations of the due date for Budget Request Forms. No Budget Request Form shall be accepted after that date. Budget Request Forms shall be submitted to the Business Manager so that each one can be approved solely on the basis of accuracy and adherence to the Fiscal Policy. If the Business Manager does not approve a budget request form due to its apparent deviation from the Fiscal Policy, the request form shall be taken to the Board. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve any Budget Request Form not initially approved by the Business Manager.

Whereas, Student Groups may have reason(s) to appeal that fall outside these parameters;

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That Section 9.6 be amended to read:

9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session. Upon receiving the total appropriation figures for the coming fiscal year, the Board shall hold a minimum of three mandatory student group information sessions, which shall be organized by and presided over by the Business Manager. **These sessions At least one session shall be held at least two weeks before the Final Budgeting Form due date.** During the second academic week of the Spring Semester. During these meetings, the Business Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions. Each student group that wishes to receive funding from ASUM must send at least one representative to at least one mandatory budgeting information session in order to be eligible to apply for ASUM funding during the Final Budgeting Session for the upcoming fiscal year. A student organization deemed ineligible to participate in ASUM Final Budgeting for not attending a mandatory Student Group Budgeting Information Session **or for turning in Budget Request Forms after the due date** may appeal to the Senate to participate in the Final Budgeting process. If the student organization had submitted their Budget Request Form by the deadline set within the third academic week of Spring Semester. These student organizations must be notified of the aforementioned appeals process by the Business Manager no later than twenty-four hours prior to the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester. All appeals must be heard during Public Comment of the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week of Spring Semester preceding Formal Lobbying. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager’s Report during the meeting in which the appeal was heard.

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That Section 9.8 be amended to read:

9.8 Budget Request Form Due Date, and Approval. The Business Manager shall set a date within the third academic week of the Spring Semester in which Budget Request forms shall be due. The Business Manager shall inform organizations of the due date for Budget Request Forms. No Budget Request Form shall be accepted after that date. **If a Budget Request Form is handed in after the due date the Business Manager will notify them of the appeals process outlined in Section 9.6.** The final time to appeal for Budgeting Request forms turned in after the deadline is the Senate meeting preceding Formal Lobbying.

9.9 Budget Request Form Approval. Budget Request Forms shall be submitted to the Business Manager so that each one can be approved solely on the basis of accuracy and
adherence to the Fiscal Policy. If the Business Manager does not approve a budget request form due to its apparent deviation from the Fiscal Policy, the request form shall be taken to the Board, and then notify the Student Organization of the committee meeting time. If the Board does not meet prior to Formal Lobbying the Business Manager must call a special meeting of the Board in order to accommodate this process. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve any Budget Request Form not initially approved by the Business Manager.

Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, That the following bullets in Section 9 be renumbered to accommodate the division of Section 9.8 into two bullets labeled 9.8 and 9.9.

Passed by Committee: ___________________________, 2019
Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________, 2019

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