The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Establishing Airfare Rates
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent over 10,000 students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, Student Groups have the opportunity to request travel funding through the Travel Allocation process during the academic year;

Whereas, Student Groups often request funding for airfare through Travel Allocations to attend out-of-state events;

Whereas, In the past, ASUM has generally decided not to fund airfare requests based on an informal consensus that full airfare costs impose too much burden on the Travel Allocation account;

Whereas, ASUM has recently made some exceptions to this unwritten rule by funding airfare for some Student Groups while not funding airfare for others;

Whereas, ASUM should strive to be fair and consistent to all Student Groups as much as possible;

Whereas, ASUM recently voted against removing airfare funding opportunities from Fiscal Policy;

Whereas, There is no reference to commercial or international airfare in Section 14 (Travel) of Fiscal Policy, leaving initial airfare funding to the informal discretion of the Board on Budget and Finance before being approved by ASUM;

Whereas, Section 14.3 of Fiscal Policy reads:

“3 ASUM rates are:

- Private Vehicle $.15/mile and Hybrid Vehicle $.20/mile
- Lodging (4 persons per room) ($20.00/person)(up to 5 nights)
- A “waiver of additional reimbursement” shall be required for travel not covered under State policy;”

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Section 14.3 of Fiscal Policy be amended to include language regarding airfare so that it reads:

“3 ASUM rates are:

- Private Vehicle $.15/mile and Hybrid Vehicle $.20/miles
- **Commercial Airfare up to 25% round-trip ticket price per person to be reimbursed following completion of out-of-state trip to not exceed $75/person.**
- **Lodging (4 persons per room) ($20.00/person)(up to 5 nights)**
- A "waiver of additional reimbursement" shall be required for travel not covered under State policy;"

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That all Travel Rates enumerated in Fiscal Policy be included on Travel Allocation application paperwork;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; and Kenzie Carter, Student Group Coordinator.

Passed by Committee: ________________________, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________, 2019

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