The Associated Students of the University of Montana

Resolution for Creating the Senate Feed Fund

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) currently has no fund dedicated to feeding its Senators;

Whereas, Every Wednesday evening, dozens of unpaid civil servants of this campus are herded into the UC to conduct the business of the campus without food;

Whereas, Like many creatures, Senators need food to survive;

Whereas, While birthdays may provide some food as per current Business Manager tradition, most Senators don’t have a birthday every Wednesday despite desiring to eat every Wednesday;

Whereas, Other birthdays provide only vegetables to the Senate, which gravely disappoints the Senate;

Whereas, Senate meetings often last for three or more hours during which hunger-induced crankiness and fatigue invariably begin to take hold;

Whereas, Hungry Senators have lower patience, shorter attention spans, and pricklier dispositions than Fed Senators;

Whereas, A hangry Senate is unable to perform its civic duties in an optimal fashion as its members take breaks to begin scavenging with out-of-pocket funds, and eventually resort to cannibalism;

Whereas, The ASUM Senate has multiple open seats available for new Senators;

Whereas, Senators occupy positions that take up an average of 5 - 10 hours per week on behalf of the student body without pay;

Whereas, While ASUM has an overall budget of nearly $4 million dollars, Senators must pray that someone was born around the date of each meeting in order to enjoy a few life-sustaining gummy bears and chips;

Whereas, A fund dedicated to buying the Senate a regular selection of energy-rich and tasty snacks will boost morale, maintain blood sugar levels, and improve the quality of work Senators produce for less than a 100th of a percent of the total budget;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM create the Senate Feed Fund in its governing documents with the following language:
"The Senate Feed Fund will only be used for the acquisition of snacks for members of the ASUM Senate, including but not limited to store purchases and cooking ingredients intended for Senate use. This fund will be replenished at the beginning of each semester to an amount no less than $300 at the discretion of the Senate."

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM disavows the practice of Senator cannibalism and the classification of vegetable trays as 'treats' when they are clearly punishments from God for our hubris;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to [...]

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Passed by ASUM Senate: ______________________________, 2018

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