The Associated Students of the University of Montana

Resolution Creating an ASUM Research and Creative Scholarship Fund Director

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its Personnel Policy;

Whereas, oversight of the ASUM Research and Creative Scholarship Fund (RCSF) has been overseen by the RCSF Committee and the ASUM Business Manager;

Whereas, the ASUM Business Manager is a position that is often turned over every year;

Whereas, oversight of the RCSF requires multiple semesters’ worth of continuity in order to function efficiently;

Whereas, currently, the only members that serve more than one year on the RCSF committee belong to separate UM Administrators;

Whereas, the RCSF has expanded in number of applicants this last year from roughly 50 applications in Fall of FY 17, to 106 in Fall of FY 18;

Whereas, the addition of a multiple-year director hired by ASUM would help make the RCSF allocation process easier for both ASUM and the student body by having an individual that has adequate knowledge to answer student questions and is able to guide and deliver allocation results in a more timely manner;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Section 4.19 of ASUM Personnel Policy be created with the following language:

4.19 ASUM Research and Creative Scholarship Fund Director. The ASUM Research and Creative Scholarship Fund Director is responsible for promoting and implementing the ASUM RCSF process. The RCSF Director will chair all RCSF Committee meetings, answer any questions regarding the application and allocation process, and be responsible for all ASUM functions of the RCSF. The RCSF Director must be a current graduate student of the University of Montana.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 27. Research & Scholarship Committee be amended to read:

B. The committee shall be chaired by the Research and Scholarship Director (R&S Director), or the ASUM Business Manager if the ASUM Executives opt to not hire a R&S Director during a fiscal year. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the committee, and shall only vote in the case of a tie.
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 27. Research & Scholarship Committee be amended to read:

  E. The Research and Creative Scholarship Office and the Office of the President shall transfer their contributions to ASUM’s Research and Creative Scholarship Index at the start of each academic year. The Committee shall reserve at least 50% of the total joint fund for allocation during Spring semester.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that Section 27. Research & Scholarship Committee be amended to read:

  F. The committee shall convene at least once per academic semester to hear and review applications from undergraduate and graduate students. The committee shall determine what portion of each applicant’s request to fund, and shall provide documentation to the Financial Aid Office (or the appropriate distributing unit) and to ASUM for distribution of the approved funding. This final distribution shall be done in coordination with the R&S Director, or the ASUM Business Manager, to ensure that the allocation of all funds match the committee’s approved awards.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the R&S Director be added in section 3.0 Base Rates in ASUM Personnel Policy under ASUM, with a Position Description Rate of $10.00, and Monthly Base Hours of 40.00.

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