Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) value and encourage engagement with student groups;

Whereas, Occasionally student groups fail to attend a Budgeting Information Session and thus do not fulfill the requirements of the current Fiscal Policy, prohibiting them from participating in the Final Budgeting process;

Whereas, ASUM Fiscal Policy does not have a formal avenue for student groups to petition the Senate to be reinstated into the Final Budgeting process;

Whereas, The current ASUM Fiscal Policy reads under section 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.

Whereas, This new policy provides an opportunity for student groups to advocate for themselves;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM amends section 9.6 Student Group Budgeting Information Session of Fiscal Policy to read:

"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. An ineligible student organization may appeal to the Senate to participate in the Final Budgeting process if the student organization has submitted their Budget Request Form by the established deadline and no representatives of the student organization attended a mandatory Student Group Budgeting Information Session. This appeal must be heard during Public Comment of a Senate meeting during the fourth academic week. This appeal must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate under the Business Manager’s Report. The Business Manager must notify eligible student organizations of the aforementioned appeals process no later than twenty four hours prior to the Senate meeting during the fourth academic week."
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