Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Student Reimbursement Fund

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Government is committed to an affordable and quality education, and

Whereas, UND has recently reformulated its policies and procedures for the disbursement of student fees on campus, and

Whereas, UND’s Student Government was allocated an increased amount of money for the fiscal year 2013-2014, and

Whereas, take-backs from fiscal year 2012-2013 represented a substantial sum that could best be utilized by reimbursement to students; and

Whereas, the increased cost of education places additional burden upon students to pay for their living and academic experiences, and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of any academic institution to watch out for the economic welfare of its students, and

Whereas, students should not pay for excessive fees especially in instances where those fees are not directly enhancing their college experience, and

Whereas, no one is better equipped to monitor the usage of money and spending than the students who are paying the fees, and

Whereas, giving excess money back to the students of UND represents a direct investment in the lives of students on campus, and

Therefore, be it moved that $35,000 be allocated from the UND Student Government Investments Account that will provide a $2 refund per full time student as of the final drop date spring semester.