Whereas, Student Government Executives and Student Senators have been elected to represent UND students to University and System-level staff and administration as well as state and local government officials, and

Whereas, Student Government Executives have used funds allocated to them by Student Senate to purchase business cards, and

Whereas, in previous years, UND Student Government has written bills allocating funds to purchase business cards for Student Senators, and

Whereas, it would also be beneficial for Student Government Agency chairs to have business cards, and

Whereas, business cards are a quick and easy method of providing contact information to constituents, campus and state staff and administration, student organizations, student leaders of other North Dakota institutions of higher education, and members of the community, and

Whereas, having a quick and easy method of sharing contact information would better facilitate open lines of communications between UND Student Government and the student body, student organizations, campus and state staff and administration, student leaders of other North Dakota institutions of higher education, and members of the community, and

Whereas, purchasing business cards through UND’s Duplicating Services would cost $30 per person for 240 business cards, totaling no more than $750 for all Student Senators and Student Government Agency chairs, and

Whereas, Student Senators and Student Government Agency chairs must “opt-in” by informing Chief of Staff Matt Kopp no later than Friday, October 25th, 2013.

Therefore, be it moved that the Student Senate allocate a maximum of $750 to purchase business cards for Student Senators and Student Government Agency chairs, and
Therefore, be it further moved that Chief of Staff Matt Kopp purchase business cards through Duplicating Services no later than October 31st, 2013.

Therefore, be it furthest moved that all allocated funds not used be returned to the Student Government General Account for use by Student Senate no later than November 1st, 2013.

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Student Body President, Nick Creamer
The following action has been taken, under the constitutional authority invested to the Office of the Student Body President under Article II Section B, subsection 1.c.i of the University of North Dakota Student Government Constitution:

Presidential Veto

To the Student Senate,

I hereby return without my approval SB 1314-07, titled “Business Cards for Student Senators”. In my opinion it is appropriate for members of the Student Senate to have business cards so as to assist in reaching out to their respective constituent groups in order to ensure they are representing their fellow students to the best of their ability. However, I believe that in its current form, this bill does not achieve the goals of better communication and interaction with constituents in any way. It also is a fiscally irresponsible bill, as the text requires that 240 business cards for each Senator who chooses to have business cards ordered for them. The Student Senate has an obligation to spend the money that is allocated to it by student fees in a responsible manner that will truly benefit students, rather than only the members of the Senate. This bill must have a stipulation that encourages Senators to reach out to their constituents and provide them with contact information, which is why I am providing two suggested amendments to the bill which I feel are reasonable and appropriate in order to accomplish the goals that this bill attempts to attain. While I agree with the purpose of the bill, I do not agree with the scope of the legislation, nor the lack of incentive for the members of the Senate to collect real data that can be used to aid the overarching goals of the Student Government of the University of North Dakota. For the reasons stated above, I must veto SB 1314-07.

Student Body President, Nick Creamer