Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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CC: Nick Creamer - Student Body President, Lexi Hanson - Student Body Vice President, Abi Nadeau – Student Body Treasurer, Cassie Gerhardt - Student Government Advisor, Thomas DiLorenzo – Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date: December 8, 2013

Re: Support for TEDxGrandForks

Whereas, TED is a global foundation devoted to the mission “Ideas WorthSpreading,” and

Whereas, TED started out as a conference to bring together people from three fields of study: Technology, Entertainment and Design, and

Whereas, TED has since grown into a platform and a global movement focused on meaningful change through the power of ideas, and

Whereas, TEDx was created in the spirit of TED’s mission as a program designed to give communities, organizations, and universities the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences at the local level, and

Whereas, Grand Forks will be hosting a TEDx event, TEDxGrandForks, which will be held on February 7, 2014 at the Empire Arts Center, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks will feature nine guest presenters from diverse fields as well as three TEDTalks videos, highlighting topics in various fields such as Technology, Health & Medicine, Entrepreneurship, Art & Design, Education, Music and Community Development, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks is an opportunity to invest in the intellectual community of UND, Grand Forks and the surrounding area, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks is not only intended to stimulate dialogue, but also to inspire action

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks aims to foster learning, inspiration, and wonder designed to provoke conversations that matter and ideas that will take our community, our region, our state, our nation, and our world to the next level, and

Whereas, the theme for TEDxGrandForks is “Challenge Accepted,” inspiring the Grand Forks community to accept the challenge of making change a reality, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks will require 30 on-site volunteers, which provides a great opportunity for students to participate in this unique, global movement, and

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Whereas, TEDxGrandForks will be eye-opening and thought-provoking for each student involved, both those volunteering and those attending, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks can serve to be a draw for prospective students, that they may also be able to participate in future events such as this, and

Whereas, this will be the first of many future TEDxGrandForks events, including one tentatively scheduled for September of 2014, and

Whereas, the plan for self-sustainability that TEDxGrandForks has in place involves the creation of TEDxGrandForks as a nonprofit organization, which will give back to the community through scholarships and grants, and

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks has already partnered with several other sponsors, including: AE2S; Knight Foundation; Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitor's Bureau; and the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region.

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government supports TEDxGrandForks as a way to promote Grand Forks as an educational, high-tech, and innovation hub, and

Therefore, be it further moved that up to $5,000 be allocated to TEDxGrandForks from the Student Government General Account, and

Therefore, be it further moved that all receipts be turned in for the above allocation to the Student Body Treasurer no later than Friday, February 28, 2014, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that any unused funds be returned to the Student Government General Account.

Nick Creamer, Student Body President