Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Senator Mentorship Program

Whereas, new student senators at the University of North Dakota often join with a lack of previous Student Government experience, and

Whereas, this leaves the new senators with a fundamental lack of training and understanding of the processes and procedures of the Student Government at the University of North Dakota, and

Whereas, this lack of knowledge results in a complete disservice to the senators’ constituency, and

Whereas, a mentorship program between incoming and returning senators in the Student Government would result in fostering new professional relationships between senators, increase efficiency and the success rate of bills and resolutions, and benefit our constituents and the University community as a whole.

Therefore, be it moved that a mentorship program will consist of at least one face-to-face meeting between incoming and returning senators at any time after the 2014-2015 student government elections to discuss current procedure and doctrine. Additionally, one of the two sessions will be hosted by the Senate Parliamentarian or Vice President of the Student Senate to discuss the basics of Parliamentary Procedure as well as any related knowledge. Mentors and mentees will be paired on a volunteer basis arranged by the student Government Vice President, and if any incoming senator remains unpaired, his or her pairing will be at the discretion of the executive team, and

Therefore, be it further moved that the sessions will cover the information as stipulated by the attachment to this bill, and

Therefore, be it further moved that any and all information to be disseminated to the mentee is at the discretion of the mentor bearing that all required content is covered, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that a mentorship program be created and fully implemented no later than the first meeting of the Student Senate of the 2014-2015 academic year and shall continue each year forth, unless deemed otherwise by the Student Senate.

Student Body President, Nick Creamer