Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Sponsors:

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Re: Student Senate Outreach Program

Whereas, the Student Senators should be more involved with the student organizations that the various Senators represent, and

Whereas, Student Senators are constantly striving to connect with their constituents, and

Whereas, the consultant feedback provided by the ASGA recommended that Student Government be more attentive to the needs and wants of students on our campus, and

Whereas, to do so it was suggested that we collect feedback from as many students as possible on a regular basis, and

Whereas, the information gathered should be the evidence used when authoring bills or resolutions, and

Whereas, student organizations are representative of a large population of students on campus, and

Whereas, these student organizations can provide valuable information to Student Senators regarding issues they may face on campus, and

Whereas, many organizations on campus do not fully utilize the resources that Student Government has to offer; and

Therefore, be it moved that each Student Senator shall be assigned approximately 10 student organizations selected by the Student Government Vice President and approved by a majority of the Student Senate present and voting. The resulting assignment will be communicated by the executive team to each senator (to inform the senator of his or her assignment), and to each student organization (to inform the organization of the program and its senate representative), and

Therefore, be it further moved that the selection of organizations and Senate voting on this selection will occur by the end of September each academic term, and the resulting assignments will be communicated upon Senate's approval of the Vice President's selections. For the Spring 2014 semester, the selection will be completed and voted on within two Senate meetings after this bill's
approval, and the assignments will be communicated upon Senate’s approval of the Vice President’s selections, and

Therefore, be it further moved that the Student Government Director of Internal Affairs create a set of discussion guidelines for each senators’ initial meeting or communication. These guidelines shall be provided to each senator within one week of the Senate’s approval of the Vice President’s selections. Senators are free to go beyond these guidelines and discuss other topics or issues at their discretion, and

Therefore, be it further moved that each Student Senator attend at least one meeting of each assigned organization during the academic year and communicate with each organization by either visit or email at least once per semester, and

Therefore, be it further moved that this program will begin this semester, Spring 2014. For this semester the visiting requirement will be waived for each senator, but the communication requirement will be upheld, and

Therefore, be it further moved that each Student Senator maintain open lines of communication with each assigned organization throughout the entirety of their term, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that this program shall continue each year forth, unless deemed otherwise by a majority of the Student Senate.

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Student Body President, Nick Creamer