Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: November 17th, 2013
Re: Full Support of Pathways to Student Success Implementation

Whereas, the Pathways for Student Success program prepares students within North Dakota public institutions of education for university and college life in a more effective manner, and

Whereas, the program allows for feedback to be presented to the parents, educators, and education policy makers as to how well students are performing at their respective institution of higher education, and

Whereas, 38 states already provide some feedback mechanism to the parents, educators, and education policy makers in regards to student success in postsecondary education, and

Whereas, the program seeks to “ensure alignment between secondary and postsecondary standards and expectations to increase student readiness,” and

Whereas, financial aid will be expanded “to include need-based aid as well as support for the adult learner population,” in order to assist in responding to the needs of the future workforce for the state of North Dakota, and

Whereas, there are many students who attend the University of North Dakota who struggle to meet payment deadlines and could benefit from additional need-based financial aid, and

Whereas, the adult learner community at the University of North Dakota is one constituency that is often overlooked, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Government should strive to represent all constituency groups by passing legislation that will benefit all students on this campus, and

Whereas, according to the Center on Education and Workforce at Georgetown University, 70 percent of 120,000 anticipated jobs in the state of North Dakota in the next six years will require some type of postsecondary education, and
Whereas, this program will serve to make admissions standards to the University of North Dakota more rigorous, which will increase retention and academic success for students, and

Whereas, students highly value an affordable education, and

Whereas, the Pathways to Student Success program states "Strengthening our campuses must be balanced against fiscal policies that are in the best interest of all students. This plan recognizes the importance of balancing educational costs with the need to attract top quality students," and

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Body fully supports the complete implementation of the principles, practices, and initiatives outlined in the Pathways to Student Success program.