Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: November 17th, 2013
Re: Request of SBHE to Promptly Establish Guidelines Relating to Performance Funding

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is a public, institution of higher education, of the state of North Dakota, and

Whereas, the state legislature appropriates funds in order to defray the expenses of the institution, and

Whereas, as part of the higher education appropriations from the 65th legislative assembly, $5,000,000 of one-time funding was included in Senate Bill 2003, and

Whereas, the bill refers to this appropriation as “Performance Funding”, and

Whereas, section 21 states that the funds are to be “transferred in full or in part for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2015, by the state board of higher education to the institutions and entities under its control based on the recommendations of the commissioner of higher education as follows:...” and further “…The performance funding pool line item includes funding that may be allocated to institutions based on the institution meeting specified goals or other performance measures as determined by the board” and,

Whereas, the SBHE or the commissioner of higher education have yet to specify goals for the institutions to strive for in order to be awarded these funds, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Senate representing one of the institution’s primary stakeholders which include faculty, staff, and students, and

Therefore, be it moved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate urges the commissioner of higher education and the SBHE to promptly establish and define all necessary standards that institutions will be expected to achieve in order to be awarded moneys appropriated for the use of ‘Performance Funding’.

Student Body President, Nick Creamer