Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 11/16/14
Re: Support of TEDxGrandForks

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

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

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

6 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

8 Whereas, Grand Forks will be hosting a TEDx event, TEDxGrandForks, with the theme “Launch,” which will be held on February 21, 2015 at the Empire Arts Center, and

10 Whereas, last year TEDxGrandForks was a tremendous success, featuring nine guest presenters from diverse fields as well as three TEDTalks videos, highlighting topics in various fields such as Technology, Health & Medicine, Entertainment, Entrepreneurship, Art & Design, Education, Music and Community Development, and

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

14 Whereas, TEDxGrandForks is not only intended to stimulate dialogue, but also to inspire action, enabling Grand Forks to become a better community, and

16 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

18 Whereas, TEDxGrandForks requires 30 on-site volunteers, which provides a great opportunity for students to become involved in this unique, global movement, and

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Whereas, TEDxGrandForks will be eye-opening and thought-provoking for all students involved, and

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

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

Whereas, TEDxGrandForks can serve as a substantial experiential learning experience for UND students attending the event as well as those who can live-stream the event, and

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 $6,500 be allocated to TEDxGrandForks from the Student Government General Account, and

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

Tanner Franklin, Student Body President