Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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CC: Tanner Franklin - Student Body President, Brett Johnson - Student Body Vice President, Blake Andert - Student Organization Funding Committee Chair, Cassie Gerhardt - Student Government Advisor, Andrew Frelich - Student Organization Funding Agency Advisor; Dr. Lori Reesor - Vice President for Student Affairs, Cara Halgren - Associate Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students
Date: March 1st, 2015
Re: Wacipi (Powwow) Buffalo Feed

Whereas, the Student Government was established to among other things “improve student cultural, social, and physical welfare,” and,

Whereas, The University of North Dakota Mission Statement states, “The University promotes cultural diversity among its students, staff, and faculty,” and,

Whereas, University of North Dakota Statement on Institutional Diversity and Pluralism states, “all must be valued for the richness their cultures, heritages, perspectives, and ideas they bring to this community” and,

Whereas, the Statement on Institutional and Pluralism also states, “of particular importance is the University’s longstanding commitment to the education of American Indian students and the cultures and traditions of the American Indian People” and,

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Indian Association (UNDIA) will be hosting their 45th annual Wacipi (powwow) on April 17-19, 2015 at the University of North Dakota, and,

Whereas, a Wacipi (powwow) is defined as a celebratory event for all people to partake in traditional Native American activities such as dancing, singing, and socializing, and

Whereas, the work of UNDIA members have accumulated funds from outside sources, such as the University of North Dakota Student Affairs Office, the city of Grand Forks, as well as student organizational volunteer fundraising efforts in the form of food and activity sales, and

Therefore, be it moved that the Student Senate of North Dakota allocate no more than $4000 to UNDIA to cover the cost of the 2015 Community Buffalo Feed from the Student Government Investments Account, and

Therefore, be it further moved, that UNDIA submit proper documentation and unspent allocated money to the Student Body Treasurer no later than May, 4, 2015.