Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: March 1st, 2015
Re: Support for Increase of Student Technology Fee

Whereas, the Student Technology Fee was instituted in 1995 at $4.17/credit with a maximum of $50 per semester for a full-time student for the purpose of funding:

- Shared Technology Resources
- Classrooms
- The Learning Management System, and
- Tech Support

Whereas, the Student Technology Fee has not been raised since its inception (1995), currently collecting $1.27 million for FY15, and

Whereas, over the past twenty years, the Student Technology Fee has lost a significant portion of its purchasing power, and

Whereas, the current fee structure is the lowest of all eleven North Dakota state institutions, and

Whereas, an increase to the Student Technology Fee would improve both its purchasing power and also have a direct impact on students through revisions to its purpose, and

Whereas, the purpose of the fee has been revised to focus on:

- Classroom technology (i.e. funding the technology portion of President Kelley’s goal to renovate 100 classrooms in the next 5 years)
- Student collaborative spaces (i.e. spaces similar to lower level of Memorial Union)
- Shared technology resources (i.e. student printing, software, streaming, etc.), and

Whereas, raising the fee to $9.80 per credit or $117.60 per semester for a full-time student would have a projected collection of $3.00 million for FY16 and establish the financial resources to accomplish these goals, and
Whereas, this proposed raise to the Student Technology Fee would place UND in a comparable range to other NDUS institutions, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate fully supports the Student Fee Advisory Committee to increase the Student Technology Fee from $4.17 per credit or $50 per semester for a full-time student to $9.80 per credit or $117.60 for a full-time student, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that this resolution does not constitute support from this body to increase mandatory student fees beyond the limit established by the North Dakota Century Code.

Tanner Franklin, Student Body President