Senate Resolution

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, Cassie Gerhardt - Student Government Advisor; Dr. Robert Kelley—President; Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo—Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Lori Reesor – Vice President for Student Affairs; Alice Brekke—Vice President of Finance and Operations Cara Halgren – Associate Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students
Date: April 16, 2015
Re: Opposition to Tuition Model Proposals One and Two

2 Whereas, new tuition model discussions began in 2012 as a part of the Pathways Plan developed by the North Dakota University System (NDUS) office, and approved by the State Board of Higher Education (SHBE), and
4 Whereas, the University of North Dakota (UND) is currently discussing options for a new tuition model, and
6 Whereas, tuition models presented thus far have driven student concerns over both fiscal impact, and rationale behind charging for more credits, and
8 Whereas, Options 1 & 2 result in a 10.5% and 12.3% increase respectively for an average student taking 15 credits, and
10 Whereas, this is a drastic increase and burden to place on students in a single year, and
12 Whereas, the models were said to increase four year graduation rates, yet directly conflict with national research on effective methods to increase four year graduation rates, and
14 Whereas, Options 1 & 2 offer no non-financial incentives to graduate within the four year timeframe, and
16 Whereas, in accordance with guidelines given by the NDUS, and also noted in records obtained through an open records request, course and program fees are to be rolled into one tuition figure, and
18 Whereas, program fees are not to be rolled into base tuition, but rather a differential tuition rate is to be created for business, engineering, and nursing resulting in no savings to the student, and
20 Whereas, by combining tuition with non-mandatory fees, one could argue that less transparency is being created, and
22 Whereas, course and program fee fund balances had $3,734,692.84 at end of FY14, and

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Whereas, even with high carry over balances, course and program fees are still being charged at the same rate to students, and

Whereas, in a memo received from Vice President for Finance & Operations, Alice Brekke, staff and administration are purposely attempting to spend these fund balances down, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota firmly opposes Options 1 & 2 as presented to students on March 11th, 2015.

Tanner Franklin, Student Body President