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, Andrew Freligh - Student Organization Funding Agency Advisor; Dr. Lori Reesor - Vice President for Student Affairs, Cara Haigren - Associate Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students

Date: April 22, 2015

Re: Response to SR1415-16

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

Whereas, proposals of new models had a deadline to be presented to the SBHE of March 1st, 2015, and

Whereas, this date has been extended at the request of the University of North Dakota, and

Whereas, on March 11th, 2015 University of North Dakota (UND) administrators had first discussions with UND students in regards to options of the proposed tuition models with a tentative implementation date of Fall 2016, and

Whereas, UND students raised questions at this discussion that UND administrators were not able to answer at that time, and

Whereas, UND students raised concerns about the proposals and requested that the UND administration take these concerns to the North Dakota State Legislature, and/or the NDUS SBHE, and

Whereas, UND students requested an electronic copy of the information to be sent out to Student Senators who were unable to attend the discussion held on March, 11th, 2015, and
Whereas, UND students also requested any additional information on all options of proposed tuition models on March 11th, and

Whereas, this led to an open records request being filed with Legislative Council, and

Whereas, students, staff, faculty, legislators, and taxpayers have a right to know what UND might propose, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Government and its administration want what is best for the future of the institution, and

Therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of the student body of the University of North Dakota, the Student Senate calls for a neutral, third-party review regarding the proposed tuition models and how those models were disclosed to the students and the public, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Government will comply with all requests for information regarding these tuition models, and to voluntarily disclose any information relevant to this process, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate encourages the administration to comply with all requests for information regarding these tuition models, and to disclose all information relevant to this process, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Student Body President of the University of North Dakota work directly with the administration to determine a mutually acceptable, neutral, third-party body to investigate this matter, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that the findings of this investigation be completed and submitted to both parties by October 1st, 2015.

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Student Body President, Tanner Franklin