Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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CC: Matt Kopp- Student Body President, Taylor Nelson– Student Body Vice President, Cassie Gerhardt - Student Government Advisor, Andrew Frelch – Student Organization Funding Agency Advisor; Dr. Lori Reesor – Vice President for Student Affairs, Cara Halgren – Associate Vice President for Student Services & Dean of Students

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Re: Support of TEDxGrandForks

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Grand Forks will be hosting a TEDx event, TEDxGrandForks, which will be held on February 20th, 2015 at the Empire Arts Center with the theme of “Roots to Wings”, and

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

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

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

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

Matthew Kopp, Student Body President