Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: University of North Dakota Constitution

Whereas, over the past five months, a committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, and administrators met regularly to write a new constitution for the University of North Dakota, and

Whereas, the committee has produced a draft of a new constitution that has been deliberated on by the University Senate, and

Whereas, the new constitution will have a profound impact on collaborative governance at the University of North Dakota, and

Whereas, students play a critical role in the governance of the university, and provide a necessary and important voice on our campus, and

Whereas, the University Senate will vote on amendments and eventually on the adoption of a new constitution before the end of the semester, and

Whereas, Student Government is included as the legislative body for the students of the University of North Dakota, something that was not previously included in the UND constitution, and

Whereas, the proposed constitution would include a Senate Coordinating Committee, which would meet regularly in order to ensure effective communication and collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and

Whereas, working together with faculty and staff on key issues of student concern will serve to amplify the student voice and make the University of North Dakota a better university, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Senate is firmly committed to a spirit of collaborative governance for the benefit of students, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate formally supports the adoption of the new university constitution, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that the Student Senate will be an active and passionate participant in the new governance model for the University of North Dakota

[Signature]

Student Body President, Matt Kopp

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