Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support for the Creation of the UND Campus Pride Structure Committee

Whereas, the University of North Dakota’s Student Government vision “is committed to upholding the University of North Dakota’s longstanding traditions and to innovatively create new traditions for students. We strive to help the University grow and move forward with a student minded perspective”, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota’s Student Government dedication to new traditions is devoted positively impacting the university, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota has recently embarked on a new tradition of its own with the christening of the Fighting Hawks Nickname, and

Whereas, the University’s focus now it to “begin the process of developing, selecting and implementing a visual identity to accompany the name”, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is currently operating with an identity crisis, with no significant object, structure, or symbol indicating the universities presence and identity as seen on other campus of similar stature around the Midwest, and

Whereas, this identity crisis is negatively impacting the university and its students due to a lack of commonality and school pride, and

Whereas, it is important to foster and grow our identity for the betterment of the current students at the university and the prospective new students, and

Whereas, it is dually important to respect and honor old traditions as it is to venture on the process of creating new ones, and

Whereas, the university currently does not have a plan to achieve both of the previous goals and missions.

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government supports that the University of North Dakota dedicates itself to addressing this concern, and
Therefore, be it further moved that the University of North Dakota creates a UND Pride Structure Committee to look into this issue, using other schools as a motivation for campus pride and unity, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that the University of North Dakota and the University of North Dakota Student Senate commits itself to creating a large scale structure, object, or symbol on campus to honor our previous traditions and newer traditions alike.

Matt Kopp, Student Body President