Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Social Work Student Study Abroad

Whereas, the Social Work department pioneered a unique opportunity for students to study abroad and apply real life situations to practice, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Social Work department founded a comparative social policy course that will associate European welfare systems to American welfare systems in the interest of social work and its practice, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is North Dakota's flagship university, and to be on par with flagship universities throughout the United States there should be comparative study abroad opportunities for students, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is a top tier research school and should allow for broad topics of study across multiple professional trajectories, and

Whereas, study abroad opportunities enrich student experiences, boost recruitment potential, and enhance the overall reputation of the institution and the degrees it awards, and

Whereas, air fare is a barrier for students to study abroad, and

Whereas, in conjunction with the University of North Dakota's International Center, project coordinators were able to book tickets for $574.51 for round-trip airfare from Grand Forks, ND to Copenhagen, Denmark – a significant savings on normal flight costs equating in a positive cost-benefit scenario, and

Whereas, Malmö, Sweden offers a comparative policy course that enables student growth and knowledge of global social issues, and by extension generate an opportunity to share and diffuse that knowledge with UND's student population, the larger community, and ultimately benefit the people, economy, and good governance of the state of North Dakota, and

Whereas, students who receive an education from the Social Work department will draw from this experience life-long in their careers and be able to use that experience in direct service care to the state of North Dakota's citizens and communities, and
Whereas, the students participating will encourage more collaboration and innovation by sharing their experience via presentations and publications in university forums, UND student groups, local media, and

Whereas, the students participating will bring back what they learned through presentations and publications in local media, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota will enhance its state, regional, and global presence with this program, and

Therefore, be it moved that University of North Dakota Student Government support the Social Work students to enhance this opportunity for students to pioneer study abroad programs with a global focus;

Therefore, be it further moved that UND Student Government allocate $5,745.10 to the Social Work and International Center team to provide air fare for the students' tickets to Malmö, Sweden, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved students participating will provide proof of purchase upon securing flight tickets.

Brandon Beyer, Student Body President