Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Open Educational Resource Implementation Program

Whereas, this year’s University of North Dakota Student Senate passed SR1617-01: Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources at UND, and

Whereas, the state of North Dakota has depleted their grant funding for OER implementation across the states’ higher education institution, and

Whereas, further state funding for Open Educational Resource implementation is uncertain due to the current fiscal environment of North Dakota, necessitating institutions to take it upon themselves to continue OER adoption, and

Whereas, the initial state funding for Open Education Resources at UND has saved students an excess of $1 million in this year alone, and

Whereas, the further implantation of Open Educational Resources presents the University of North Dakota with an opportunity to be a national leader in an imminent technological advancement in education that benefits both educators and students, and

Whereas, the Provost's Office has offered to commit $25,000 for OER implementation contingent upon Student Government support;

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government allocates $75,000 from the Investments Account for the implantation of a program that will further the adoption of Open Educational Resources at the University of North Dakota, and

Therefore, be it further moved the disbursement of grants from this funding be executed by a collaboration between Student Government and the existing OER Committee, who collected and revised UND's OER grants for the state’s funding, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that any unused funds be returned to the Student Government Investments Account

Brandon Beyer, Student Body President