Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Allocation to SOFA

Whereas, the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota supports involvement on campus, and

Whereas, student organizations allow for education to take place outside of the classroom and promote civic participation, and

Whereas, Student Organization Funding Agency (SOFA) provides funding that is relied on by many organizations for travel, events, and other expenses, and

Whereas, SOFA has used nearly all allocated funds for its current fiscal year budget and expects to have more funding requests from organizations by the end of the academic year, and

Whereas, failure to allocate additional monies to SOFA will result in some student organizations being unable to fund travel, events, and other expenses that would otherwise contribute to the education of students outside of the classroom,

Whereas, this body has an obligation to adequately fund its standing committees so that they may carry out their indicated functions, and

Whereas, additional funding will better expedite the process of student organizations receiving their approved funding

Therefore, be it moved that the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota allocate $13,000 from the Student Government General Fund, to the Student Organization Funding Agency, and

Therefore, be it further moved that any remaining monies unallocated in the Student Organization Funding Agency at the completion of the current fiscal year be returned to the Student Government Investment fund.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President