Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 02/15/2017
Re: Support of Governor Burgum’s Proposal for the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund

Whereas, the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota seeks to advance the best interests of the students of UND and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Student Senate to advocate on behalf of the students during the North Dakota legislative session and

Whereas, the North Dakota Senate has proposed Senate Bill 2036 regarding the extension of the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund, and

Whereas, Governor Burgum initially proposed an allocation of $10 million dollars towards the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund in his budget proposal, and

Whereas, the North Dakota Legislature opposed Governor Burgum’s proposal to allocate $10 million dollars toward the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund, and

Whereas, the ND Legislature formed a lower dollar allocation amount toward the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund of $4 million, and

Whereas, the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund was created as a program to successfully attract donations to fund endowments, support scholarships, fund faculty positions, and educational infrastructure, and

Whereas, the State of North Dakota will match $1 for every $2 given by private donors to the University of North Dakota Foundation on gifts of at least $50,000, and

Whereas, in the last two biennia, UND has received $16.5 million in grant money to match an estimated $33 million raised in private funds, creating a $49 million impact at UND, and

Whereas, the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund has proven to be a successful program in promoting a positive student experience as UND, and

Whereas, the UND Student Senate is committed to ensuring the success of its constituents;
Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government recognizes the positive outcomes stemming from the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund at the University and

Therefore, be it further moved that the UND Student Government recognizes that Governor Burgum’s initial proposal of allocating $10 million dollars towards the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund would better benefit the student experience at the University of North Dakota, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that the UND Student Government supports Governor Burgum’s initial proposal of $10 million dollars to be allocated toward the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund.

Brandon Beyer, Student Body President