Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 11/15/2017
Re: Opioid Overdose Recognition and Treatment

Whereas, the University of North Dakota strives to support the physical and mental health of students, and
Whereas, there is currently no emergency access to Narcan and other overdose preventing medicines for students at the University of North Dakota, and
Whereas, over 30,000 Americans died in 2015 as a result of an opioid overdose, the Nation is in the midst of the largest opioid crisis ever seen, and it might potentially strike the University of North Dakota at any point in time, and
Whereas, students at many universities of different sizes and geographic areas have experienced opioid overdoses and death as a result of an opioid addiction, and
Whereas, addiction is a silent killer and anyone can suffer from a life threatening addiction; and
Whereas, opioid overdose death rates are currently on the rise in the United States, it is imperative that the Student Government at the University of North Dakota act in a way that best represents the health of our student body.
Therefore, be it moved that Student Government of the University of North Dakota allocates $1,400 to purchase Narcan kits and wall-mount boxes for emergency access in high-traffic areas across campus (i.e., Memorial Union, dining centers, etc), contingent upon the allocation of $600 from the Association of Residence Halls to support the costs of these efforts in residence hall buildings.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President