Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support for Governor Burgum’s Task Force for Higher Education Governance

Whereas, higher education governance is a paramount issue to the University of North Dakota and its students, and

Whereas, a variety of economic, social, and demographic challenges have made all aspects of higher education more difficult to administer, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota (UND) Student Government is a body dedicated to the students of UND, specifically in the realm of academia, advocating on their behalf, and

Whereas, Governor Doug Burgum has established a Task Force for Higher Education Governance, a 15 member committee dedicated to representing the interests of students, faculty, and business community, and

Whereas, the task force would analyze the governance structure of the North Dakota University System (NDUS), determining whether the current structure promotes efficiency and the desired results for students, and

Whereas, said task force would identify best practices for governance of higher education and align them with North Dakota’s 21st Century work force and education needs, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of higher education is to further students’ educational experience, allowing them to be successful in the future, a concept supported by this task force;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UND Student Senate supports Governor Burgum in the creation of the Task Force for Higher Education Governance.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President