SENATE RESOLUTION

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 04/18/18
Re: Support for Memorial Union Vote

Whereas, the UND Student Government is a representative body of the UND Student populous, and

Whereas, the Memorial Union is the hub for Student Life on campus, and

Whereas, this hub of student life spurs campus engagement and enhances the overall experience, and

Whereas, the current Memorial Union is in disarray, crippled by failing infrastructure and differed maintenance amounting more than 20 million dollars, and

Whereas, previous Student Government Leaders have been engaged with WTW Architecture Firm to look into retrofitting the current Memorial Union, and

Whereas, current Student Government Leaders have determined that these options financially unviable, putting too much financial stress on the students of UND, and

Whereas, Student Government has reengaged with WTW, looking at models for a new Memorial Union that is more cost effective with a smaller footprint, and

Whereas, in order to entertain a newer Memorial Union, a vote from the student body is required, and

Whereas, this vote would be best suited in the coming Fall, allowing time for a working group to finalize details and cost points;

Therefore, be it Resolved that the UND Student Senate supports a Memorial Union Vote for Fall of 2018, with a current timeline to happen in October, which is subject to change, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the UND Student Senate supports the new direction of the project and will continue to support a vote so long as the negotiations support a connection with a Private-Public Partnership that house facilities including, but not limited to apartments, retail, and other useful student facilities,

Therefore, be it further resolved that the UND Student Senate supports the creation of a Memorial Union Advisory Committee dedicated to looking into cost models and building priorities, and
Therefore, be it furthest resolved that the UND Student Senate appoints a member of the 2018-2019 Student Government Team (be it an executive or student senator) as the chair of said committee.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President