Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support for Dockless Bike Share Program for UND and Grand Forks

Whereas, transportation is of significance importance to the students of the University of North Dakota (UND), and

Whereas, while transportation options are currently available to students via the UND Shuttle System, there still is a need for readily available means of transportation, and

Whereas, students who do not possess a personal vehicle find it difficult to transport themselves to, from, and across both UND and the City of Grand Forks, and

Whereas, the availability of alternative modes of transportation, such as bicycle, would assist UND Students in traversing both campus and city, and

Whereas, there are numerous opportunities to assist students with bicycle transportation, specifically with a bike share program for UND and Grand Forks, and

Whereas, bike share programs have been proving their success across the United States, meeting this transportation need with a low cost option to consumers, and

Whereas, dockless bike share programs, such as LimeBike, allow for bikes to be placed in a more “safe and convenient” location, providing users with the ability to customize their travel destination and affording them more mobility, and

Whereas, dockless bike share programs such as LimeBike have no upfront costs to UND or UND Student Government, saving a significant amount of Student Fee Dollars, and

Whereas, LimeBike Bike Share fits the needs of both the community and campus, costing students only $0.50 per ride, and

Whereas, LimeBike creates local jobs available to students in their maintenance and planning departments, providing income to UND Students, and

Whereas, both the University and Grand Forks has the power to, at any time, back out of agreement with these companies if it is deemed to be a nuisance to UND and Grand Forks;
Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate supports a dockless bike share program here at UND and the City of Grand Forks.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President