Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Access to Menstrual Products on Campus

Whereas, the University of North Dakota currently offers free menstrual products in the C.V.I.C. office in the Memorial Union, which may be open during restricted times of the week for students, and

Whereas, students who encounter menstrual cycles unbeknownst may not have the necessary items for menstrual care, may be too far away from a dispensary or retailer, and

Whereas, some students at the University who require access to menstrual care products may not have said access outside of the University, be it for financial reasons, transportation difficulties, or others.

Whereas, those who don’t have access to menstrual products often have to improvise a tampon or pad with utilities such as toilet paper.

Whereas, many Universities, and many Student Governments, have begun implementing menstrual product dispensaries on campus, such as the University of Minnesota and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Whereas, Aunt Flow is an organization committed to ensuring everyone has access to menstrual products, and

Whereas, in their effort to allow greater access to students in need of such products, Aunt Flow offers free-vend, wall mounted menstrual product dispensers and appropriate products for stocking, and

Whereas, the free-vend, wall mounted dispensers cost $200 per dispenser, and

Whereas, Aunt Flow’s 100% organic cotton non-applicator tampons come in containers of 500 tampons, each container costing $75, and

Whereas, Aunt Flow’s 100% organic cotton pads come in containers of 500 pads, each container costing $125.
Whereas, UND Student Government’s primary duty is to serve the student body of the University, and

Whereas, dispensaries for menstrual products will provide students with beneficial access to menstrual health care in convenient locations, and

Whereas, these locations would be in areas of high traffic, such as Wilkerson, the Squires Dining Center, Education Hall’s first floor, the Wellness Center, Columbia Hall’s first floor, and Gamble Hall’s first floor, and

Whereas, each of these locations would receive one dispensary each.

Whereas, signage would be posted by the dispensaries and online (Student Government Facebook Page, email, and/or UND.edu website) indicating they are courteous of Student Government, as well as including a scannable QR code that would direct them to a feedback survey or location request option, and

Whereas, this survey would ask for the user’s feedback on a current location (of which would have locations listed) or request a new location (of which a short answer would follow), their general time of pick up (morning, afternoon, evening), whether or not UND should pursue more menstrual product dispensary options and opportunities, and a comment section for students to input any other thoughts, and

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government allocates funds in order to purchase Aunt Flow’s free-vend, wall mounted dispensaries and associated products in the following manner: six free-vend wall mounted dispensers for $1,200, twelve orders of 100% organic cotton non-applicator tampons for $900, and twelve orders of 100% organic cotton pads for $1,500, totaling to $3,600 and

Therefore, be it further moved that an extra $150 be allocated to associated fees, such as shipping and handling, set up, and signage, to make a grand total of $3,750 allocated, and

Therefore, be it further moved that the six locations, which are distinguished above, shall each receive one Aunt Flow dispensaries, and

Therefore, be it further moved that UND Student Government produces signage to accompany the dispensers with a QR code leading to a survey where students may provide feedback of the free products and demand, and

Therefore, be it further moved that any unused or remaining funds be returned to the Student Government budget, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that, if the University of North Dakota Facilities Management Department declines the implementation of free-vend menstrual product dispensers, all allocated funds shall be returned appropriately.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President