Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Constitution Updates Related to University Senate

2 Whereas, The University Senate has 14 student positions 10 of which are filled through campus wide election, and

4 Whereas, The Student Senate has passed Bylaws which make these filled by appointment of the student body president and confirmation by the student senate, and

6 Whereas, the election of University Senate is described in the constitution, and

8 Whereas, based off of the Bylaw changes there also needs to be an adjustment of the number of residential Senators, and

10 Whereas, all changes to the Student Government Constitution must be approved by a student wide vote, and

12 Whereas, Student Government has scheduled an election for April 17th 2019, and

Therefore, the attached changes to the Student Government Constitution will be put on the ballot for approval on the April 17th 2019 election

Erik Hanson, Student Body President
ARTICLE V ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

A. Elections

1. A campus-wide election will be held each spring semester at the time to be specified in the Bylaws to elect the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, University Senators, and all Student Senators.

   a. Election of the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President shall be campus-wide and on the same ballot. Signatures of two hundred fifty (250) students shall be required to place the candidates’ names on the ballot.

   b. Election of University Senators shall be campus-wide. Signatures of fifty (50) students shall be required to place a candidate’s name on the ballot.

   c. Election of Student Senators shall be done according to residential district and academic division. Signatures of twenty-five (25) students from the residential district or academic division the candidate wishes to represent shall be required to place a candidate’s name on the ballot.

   d. The Student Senate Elections Committee shall conduct the election and shall be responsible for validating all nominating petitions and verifying the eligibility of all candidates.

2. Each student may vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be filled in his/her residential district and in each of his/her academic division(s).

B. Representation

1. Residential District

   a. Eleven-Twelve (12) Student Senators shall be elected to represent students according to three (3) residential districts. These three districts shall include:

      i. Students living in the Residence Halls.
ii. Students living in University Apartments (apartments owned/operated by UND).

iii. Students living off campus (including all students living in Greek housing).

b. The apportionment plan for residential districts shall be as follows:

i. The apportionment plan shall be specified in the Student Government Bylaws.

ii. For election purposes, the student’s declaration of residency in a residential district for the term in which he/she will serve shall occur at the time of election packet submission.

iii. The residency of Student Senators in districts they represent must be taken up by the fall and maintained for the duration of their terms of office.

2. Academic and Other Senators

a. The apportionment plan shall be specified in the Student Government Bylaws.

b. A minimum number of Student Senators shall be elected as there are academic divisions at the University of North Dakota.

c. These senators shall be elected to represent students on Student Senate. Each senator shall be enrolled in the academic division that he/she represents.

d. Each academic division shall be entitled to one (1) Student Senator.

e. For election purposes, enrollment in an academic division shall occur at the time of election packet submission.
f. A Student Senator must remain enrolled in the academic division represented for the duration of his/her term of office.

3. In case of questionable enrollment or residence, such candidates must demonstrate evidence of said enrollment of residence to the Election Committee.

4. University Senators shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate

C. Terms of Office

1. The term of office for the President, Vice President, and all Student Senators shall be for one (1) year beginning with the last Senate meeting of the current academic year.

2. The term of office for University Senators shall begin the first day of classes in the fall semester and end the day before classes start the following fall semester.