Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 10/24/2018
Re: Construction of a New Memorial Union

Whereas, the Memorial Union provides a space for academic growth, organization meetings, recreation, and various services, and

Whereas, the Memorial Union is paid for via student fees, and

Whereas, the current Memorial Union is behind the times when it comes to services and facilities that make it most necessary on this campus, and

Whereas, the current Memorial Union faces numerous repairs and needs that could affect the accessibility for the student body, and is in need of an upgrade, and

Whereas, it is estimated that the current Memorial Union needs $40 million in maintenance repairs and improvements, and

Whereas, it is a better use of student fee resources to invest in a new Memorial Union than to use student fees to try and repair the current Memorial Union, and

Whereas, a new Memorial Union would supply the student body with a new facility, improved resources, and better spaces to carry out day to day student functions, and

Whereas, a new Memorial Union can help with recruitment and retention, and

Whereas, a new Memorial Union would only improve the lives of students through the resources provided, and

Whereas, investing in a new Memorial Union is necessary to keep our campus competitive with other institutions, and

Whereas, a projected $80 million dollars are needed for the construction, and

Whereas, students would finance this project via student fees, and
Whereas, the University of North Dakota would contribute approximately 20% of funding towards the new Memorial Union's support costs;

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Senate supports a student fee to support the construction of a new Memorial Union, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that, if approved, the student fee associated with the construction of the new Memorial Union be $14.00 per credit (capped at 12 credits per semester), which would increase by 2% per year beginning spring semester 2020 through 2059.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President