Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: In Support of SB 2234 to Allow Sale of University Land to Fraternal Societies

Whereas, The University of North Dakota has a lasting tradition of fraternal organizations on campus and to this day maintains a well-established fraternal presence in chapter houses located near or on campus, and

Whereas, fraternities and sororities help to foster a strong sense of pride and belonging to the organization, as well as the University and furthermore serve to provide a conduit for UND alumni to stay engaged with and donate to the university throughout their post-graduate careers, and

Whereas, in order to secure a successful future for fraternal organizations at UND, unity amongst the organizations must be fostered, and

Whereas, the chapter houses currently on campus are scattered throughout the campus and surrounding areas, causing some chapters to be geographically isolated from the rest of the fraternal community, and

Whereas, many universities across the country have opted to foster a unity and cooperation of the fraternal organizations by creating a “Greek Village” concept where fraternal organizations have the option of purchasing land and building chapter houses in a designated area on or near campus, and

Whereas, the idea behind the concept of the “Greek Village” is to foster a community atmosphere between fraternal organizations by bringing chapters geographically closer, and

Whereas, the creation of the proposed “Greek Village” relies on the approval of the state legislature for the University to sell the tracts of land to private entities, and

Whereas, SB 2234 seeks to authorize the sale of tracts of land lying within the east thirty-one acres [12.55 hectares] of the south half of the southwest quarter of section four in township one hundred fifty-one north, range fifty west of the fifth meridian, in Grand Forks County, North Dakota, and

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government stands in support of SB 2234 for the sale of land to fraternal organizations.
Erik Hanson, Student Body President