Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Camp Depression Relocation

Whereas, UND Student Government believes that the academic quad of the University should be a central outdoor location for student engagement,

Whereas, with a vote in favor of a new Memorial Union, students affirmed their belief in a renewed vision of our campus. This vision encompassed more than a building, but an enhanced pedestrian thoroughfare for student traffic and activity throughout the academic quad,

Whereas, in relation with the University's revitalization plan of Coulee to Columbia, student's support an enhanced pedestrian walkway that stretches from the new Memorial Union, through the academic quad, spanning to the location of the pending new College of Business and Public Administration, with additional pedestrian walkways connecting other high traffic areas of the academic quad,

Whereas, in tandem with the pedestrian traffic enhancements throughout the academic quad, students support an effort to reimagine the aesthetic elements of the entire academic quad, including vegetation, sculptures, and other walkways to better frame the collegiate gothic architecture that defines our campus,

Whereas, students appreciate the artistic contribution of The Camp Depression Tribute from Curtis Flexhaug, that was created in 1996 to honor the financially strained students who worked tirelessly, living in railroad caboose cars on campus while pursuing their education during the Great Depression,

Whereas, given the location of other prominent pieces of art on campus near the fitting location of Hughes Fines Arts Center, the building dedicated towards educating our students in the arts, there are significantly more suitable locations that would lead to greater appreciation of this historic sculpture,

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government requests that Facilities Management extend the pedestrian walkway, started and paid for by students with the vote on the new Memorial Union, continuing beyond the library and leading to the location of the new College of Business and Public Administration, connecting the entire academic core of campus,
Therefore, be it further moved that Facilities Management assess changes that could be made including vegetation, sculptures, and walkways in the academic quad to enhance both style and functionality of the iconic space on UND's campus.

Therefore, be it furtherest moved that Facilities Management move The Camp Depression Tribute sculpture from its current location in the academic quad to another location which fosters more appreciation of the piece, sparks a renewed focus towards campus art and the advent of a potential sculpture garden, and creates flexibility for a reimagined layout of the current academic quad.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President