



NDSA-08-2021

A Resolution Authorizing the Executive Team to Work With NDUS Legal Counsel Eric Olson to Draft a SBHE Policy Addressing the Legality of the NDSA

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019 the legal standing of the NDSA was called into question as no legal written record of the organization existed in state law or SBHE policy; and,

WHEREAS, SBHE Policy 515 was implemented to temporarily provide the NDSA with time to explore its options and resolve these legal issues; and,

WHEREAS, SBHE Policy 515 expires 07/01/21; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative the NDSA finds a solution that remedies the legal issues surrounding the NDSA before that 07/01/21 expiration date or forfeit funding and right to representation; and,

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee voted unanimously to pursue a solution that would place the NDSA under the SBHE with a new policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee voted unanimously to grant the executive team the right to work with NDUS legal counsel Eric Olson to draft said policy; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly of the North Dakota Student Association directs the executive team to work with Eric Olson to draft a SBHE policy to address the issues surrounding the legality of the NDSA; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the drafted policy is to be brought to the General Assembly for approval before presenting it to the SBHE for final approval and implementation.

Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, November 21st, 2020.