



NDSA-22-2223

A Resolution in Opposition of Section 22 of the First Engrossment of HB 1003

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, an amendment made to HB 1003 added Section 22, which would allow NDUS presidents to unilaterally adopt policies, procedures, and directives for the institution with input but no authoritative control from faculty and others through shared governance; and,

WHEREAS, Section 22 allows for excessive power to be granted to NDUS presidents within the NDUS, stripping power from faculty, student governments, and others involved in higher education; and,

WHEREAS, in order to uphold a trustworthy and effective system, there must be a separation of power and the allowance for input given to hold importance; and,

WHEREAS, the passing of HB 1003 with Section 22 as written would take away from the valued input given by faculty and other higher education stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, without a proper balance of power, students within the NDUS may not feel as though procedures accurately reflect the direction they wish to pursue; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports the protection of shared governance in institutional decision making; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA opposes the Section 22 amendment of HB 1003 as written.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, March 25th, 2023*