



NDSA-11-2425

A Resolution in Support of Multicultural Engagement Programming in the NDUS

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, the universities across the North Dakota University System host a variety of multicultural and engagement programming intended to expose students to a range of different cultures and ideas; and,

WHEREAS, these multicultural events add a vibrant and unique aspect to institution campuses, and introduces a more holistic experience for students; and,

WHEREAS, multicultural and engagement programming allows for cultural groups to express their culture, and thereby, create a better sense of belonging; and,

WHEREAS, Tuten et al. conducted a survey and published a paper regarding cultural events and found that students from a wide range of backgrounds who attended on campus cultural events indicated that from those experiences, it ignited a new line of thinking, a change in behavior toward culture and cultural groups and created connection with their peers at the institution; and, ¹

WHEREAS, according to sources cited in Tuten et al., these events present a way for cultural groups to engage with the campus community, allow domestic students to engage with that culture, for them to experience new or differing views, and promotes active learning and development outside of academia; and,

WHEREAS, Tuten et al., further states from other sources that the repeated opportunities to engage with ideas and individuals that differ from preexisting knowledge and experiences is critical in growing an individual's knowledge base, and can attribute to growth in cognitive and moral reasoning ability, and a greater openness for other cultures; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports all multicultural and engagement programming at NDUS institutions; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA supports further expansions of multicultural engagement programming, giving students opportunities to experience other cultures and different perspectives of the world.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly Saturday,
November 23rd, 2024*

1 [\(99+\) UNDERSTANDING GAINS FROM ON-CAMPUS CULTURAL EVENTS | Jim Tuten - Academia.edu](#)