NDSA-08-2526

A Resolution in Support of More Resources Towards Updating On-Campus Housing Across the NDUS

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

²WHEREAS, 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,

³WHEREAS, as the NDUS strives to increase enrollment and reach students from across the state, country, and world at large, viable on-campus housing options are a very important part of being able to achieve this; and,

⁴WHEREAS, first year students and students below a certain credit hour threshold are often required to live on campus for a set period, barring extenuating circumstances; and,

⁵WHEREAS, on-campus housing options are usually priced at price points considerably below market value to remain advantageous and affordable to students, however, revenue from oncampus housing rarely covers the costs of upkeep and renovations; and,

WHEREAS, NDUS institutions do not have many options available to them when renovating or building residence halls in North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the quality of residence halls can affect student retention, transfer out, and can positively or negatively impact their mental health; and,

*WHEREAS, the general assembly passed NDSA-02-2425: A Resolution in Support of Appropriating State Funds for the Improvement of On-Campus Housing, based on student concerns and input concerning the state of on-campus housing across the NDUS; and,

WHEREAS, the general assembly passed NDSA-17-2025: A Resolution in Support of HB 1128, The Creation of a Higher Education Infrastructure Loan Fund, and the NDSA testified in support of HB 1128 during the 69th Legislative Session; so,

'THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NDSA works with selected North Dakota legislators and the North Dakota University System office on feasible options towards updating oncampus housing across the NDUS; and,

²THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NDSA PAR subcommittee collect data to present to the selected legislators to convey the urgency of the on-campus housing situation, identify target legislators to reach out to, create a plan of action for reaching out to legislators with on-campus housing concerns, and update SLAC on any progress or potential bills and initiatives.

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