



NDSA-10-2526

A Resolution in Support of SBHE Policy 601.1, Changes to the NDUS Presidential Search Process

¹WHEREAS, 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, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (ND SBHE), the policy setting, advocacy, and governing body of the North Dakota University System for the 11 public institutions often passes policies that impact the students attending those institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the ND SBHE, during a meeting on October 30th, 2025, passed SBHE Policy 601.1 which relates to Presidential searches for campus presidents across the NDUS; and,

WHEREAS, SBHE Policy 601.1 was changed to when a Presidential vacancy at the NDUS institution occurs, the SBHE chair shall create a search committee, appointing a SBHE member and a campus representative to serve on that committee; and,

WHEREAS, this search committee conducts a search for a new President to fill any vacancies, and the committee can forward three or more finalists to the SBHE, allowing for the SBHE to make a final decision; and,

WHEREAS, NDUS campus presidents have a huge impact not only in leading the campus, leading and guiding the students, faculty and staff at that institution; and,

WHEREAS, the changes to SBHE Policy 601.1 mandates a presidential search, and involves members of the campus community in the search, this including campus input in the selection of the next president of that institution; so,

¹THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association supports the changes to SBHE Policy 601.1, relating to Presidential Searches.

***Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, November 15th, 2025***