A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS’ TOP TWO BUDGET PRIORITIES

WHEREAS: The Board of Regents detailed their budget request priorities for the year in a press release on Friday, August 10th; and

WHEREAS: Dakota's Promise is a phase-in program that would provide need-based financial aid, working to relieve the number one deterrent from attending postsecondary school: cost; and

WHEREAS: Former BOR President Bob Sutton expressed Dakota's Promise's initial press release that our state remains “at the very bottom” when it comes to state-funded scholarship programs, as we are the only state in the nation without a statewide need-based scholarship program; and

WHEREAS: Competitive faculty salaries help recruit and retain high-caliber instructors for our state institutions, giving increased value to a SDBOR institution degree and strong resources to South Dakota’s schools and economy; and

WHEREAS: Public universities play a critical role in filling South Dakota’s growing workforce, as a college degree is increasingly sought by employers and a catalyst for economic opportunity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Dakota State University Student Senate supports and echoes Dakota's Promise and faculty salary competitiveness as the top two priorities for the state's institutions; and
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED: We strongly encourage on behalf of Dakota States students that Governor Daugaard fund these requests in full in his FY20 budget.

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