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 in 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, economy, and workforce; 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 State's
students that Governor Daugaard fund these requests in full in his
FY20 budget.

Adopted: 10/17/2018

Jacob Williams - President,
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