



NDSA-09-1819

A Resolution in Support of the North Dakota University System Exploring the Creation of a Statewide Common Application

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, according to the NDUS' data sets, the NDUS has a total fall 2018 enrollment of 45,882 students; and,

WHEREAS, each of these students had to fill out an application in order to be admitted and enrolled at a NDUS higher education institution; and,

WHEREAS, completing the basic information required on each NDUS application takes at least 30 to 45 minutes, which can put a strain on and even be a deterrent to students who wish to apply to more than one North Dakota institution; and,

WHEREAS, there is a mandated set of standardized application questions for all NDUS institutions, thus a common application would make applying to more than one NDUS institution much more efficient and student-friendly; and,

WHEREAS, one common application has the potential to increase the number of students applying to each NDUS institution and would make the process much more enjoyable for potential NDUS students; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Student Association strongly encourages the NDUS to explore the creation of a statewide common application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NDSA requests to be involved in the exploration and the process of developing a statewide common application.