



## **NDSU FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION ON ND SENATE BILL 2030 AMENDMENT**

Whereas the 67<sup>th</sup> North Dakota Legislative Session approved Senate Bill 2030 with an amendment creating “Section 2. Paragraph 3 of subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 15-10-48 of the North Dakota Century Code;” and

Whereas the amendment, as written, violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees freedom of expression without government censorship or restriction by federal, state, or local government actors; and

Whereas the Morrill Land-Grant Acts of 1862 and 1890 directly pertain to North Dakota State University as providing “liberal [arts] and practical education” without restrictions to all its citizens; and

Whereas the American Association of University Professors (AAUP)’s Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure (1940) clearly establishes academic and research freedom as the core principles on which institutions of higher education are based; and

Whereas legislative overreach via the proposed educational and research restrictions may jeopardize professional program accreditation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the North Dakota State University Faculty Senate opposes this amendment and strongly objects to conditioning NDUS institutions’ eligibility for state financial appropriations on the nature of academic and research pursuits.

**Adopted by the NDSU Faculty Senate on March 8, 2021.**