

UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION

January 12, 2006

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA); and

Whereas, following its 2004 reaccreditation visit to UND, the NCA issued a report explicitly linking UND's continued use of its Indian nickname and Indianhead logo with negative impacts on the University's academic mission, and calling on the State Board of Higher Education and the Campus to develop and implement an orderly plan for discontinuing use of the Indian nickname and Indianhead logo; and

Whereas, the NCA's conclusions of the negative impacts of the name and logo on the University's academic mission are consistent with scholarly research conducted on the UND Campus; and

Whereas, the NCA's call for retirement of the name and log is in accord with requests from eight Sioux nations and several other area tribes, the national Indian Education Association, the North Dakota Indian Education Association, the Minnesota Indian Education Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the American Psychological Association, twenty of UND's Indian-related programs, and dozens of other national, regional and local organizations; and

Whereas, the NCA's explicit concerns, the academic research record, and the extent of tribal and organizational calls for retirement of the name and logo provide substantial reason for the University Senate to be concerned that accomplishing the academic mission of the University of North Dakota is unnecessarily hindered by the continued use of the name and logo.

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the University Senate of the University of North Dakota requests President Kupchella promptly seek authority from the State Board of Higher Education to develop and implement an orderly plan for discontinuing use of the Indian nickname and Indianhead logo.