



Faculty Senate

Date: February 2, 2023

Legislation HB 1446: Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Emergency-Measure HB 1446 Related to Pilot Program for Tenured Faculty Review at N.D. Institutions of Higher Education

Constituents: District 40, North Minot including Minot State University (MiSU); District 03, SE Minot; District 05, SW Minot; and District 38, West Minot.

Our information source: On February 2, 2023, the Minot State University (MiSU) Faculty Senate approved a resolution in full support of, and in agreement with, the statements submitted by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) of North Dakota State University (NDSU), and the North Dakota University System Council of College Faculties' (CCF) Resolutions in Opposition to HB 1446.

Our specific concerns: The positions and rationale included in the above statements are consistent with the MiSU's Faculties' concerns about the proposed legislation. If enacted, HB 1446 will negatively impact faculty recruitment and retention and thus have a negative impact on the quality of teaching and students' learning in the NDUS. In addition, the negative impact on workforce retention and development would extend far beyond academia. HB 1446 also directly targets tenure and academic freedom while simultaneously ignoring the existing policies and procedures in place covering tenured faculty accountability and termination, policies put in place by the SBHE and the individual institutions.

Our position: Therefore, the MiSU Faculty Senate urges Chairman Shauer and the Members of the Committee on Government and Veterans Affairs **to vote "do not pass" on HB 1446.**

Approved by: the Voting Members of the Faculty Senate (Motion approved at 2/2/2023 Procedural Meeting)

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Minot State Faculty Senate