WHEREAS: Students of The University of Northern Iowa would benefit from a heightened education related to diverse issues; and

RECOGNIZING: The fall diversity forums exhibited a severe need for further diversity education on campus; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: University Administration has outlined in the Academic Master Plan that “The University of Northern Iowa will be nationally known for innovative education, preparing students for success in a rapidly changing, globally competitive, and culturally diverse world.” as a University vision; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: Diversity education needs to be comprehensive in nature; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: The curriculum process is extensive and faculty driven; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: Students, faculty, and staff all offer valuable insights on this particular category of education; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: Comprehensive diversity education holds real value beyond the University of Northern Iowa and especially in the workforce; thus
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Northern Iowa Student Government has identified a potential response to the need for a heightened education regarding diversity on campus and throughout the world in the form of a diversity exit requirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That there is no formal implementation and approval process for exit requirements as a whole currently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Northern Iowa Student Government calls upon the faculty chair to appoint and oversee an ad hoc committee to investigate the feasibility and potential implementation of a diversity exit requirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said committee provide monthly progress reports to the Campus Relations Committee Chair Tristan Bernhard beginning with the start of the Fall 2016 school semester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Northern Iowa Student Government wishes said committee to utilize the Northern Iowa Student Government Diversity Exit Requirement Proposal as a baseline for initial committee conversation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Faculty Chair Tim Kidd, President Bill Ruud, Provost Jim Wohlpart, David Marchesani, and Scott Peters