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Dear Dr. Susan Wurtz,

Greetings from the University of Northern Iowa! I am writing to you today concerning a resolution the Northern Iowa Student Government Senate passed last week regarding professional development assignments. Two of our Senators drafted a resolution in support of retaining these assignments, and they asked me to send a copy to you.

The Northern Iowa Student Government is the representative group for the Student Body at the University of Northern Iowa. We are comprised of three branches similar to the federal and state government. The NISG Senate allocates funds to student organizations for events and guest speakers, recognizes new student organizations, and writes resolutions regarding the position of the student body on important issues such as education funding and academic policies.

As you will see in the resolution enclosed, the NISG Senate wants to make a statement supporting these assignments because of the academic benefit they add to the classroom when the professors return to the University. In my personal experience, when my professors have gone to do externships or professional development assignments, they have come back more prepared and better linked in to their professions. I am a computer science major and my professors always return with gained knowledge of current business practices and computer languages.

Thank you for taking the time to read our resolution. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this resolution or any other issue you believe I may be able to help you with. My e-mail address is kshannon@uni.edu and my phone number is 515.991.0347. You are also encouraged to contact our Director of Governmental Relations Jennifer Nulty at nultyj@uni.edu and 319.273.2650.

Sincerely,

Kevin Shannon
Speaker of the Senate
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University of Northern Iowa