1. **Issue:** Consolidating departments into fewer facilities will enable UND to not only reduce costs but also encourage collaboration across disciplines.

2. **Proposed motion:** Authorize [UND to raze eight buildings]: 314 Cambridge, Chandler Hall and Strinden Center (each with an insurable value over $250,000); and 2912 University Ave., 317 Cambridge, Era Bell Thompson Center, International Center, and Women’s Center (each with an insurable value under $250,000).

3. **Background:** The intent to raze eight buildings (2912 University, 314 Cambridge, Center for Community Engagement, Chandler Hall, Era Bell Thompson Center, International Center, Strinden Center and Women’s Center) is in accordance with the current campus master plan. Each building is either currently vacant or plans are in process to vacate the building in the near term.

4. **Financial implications:** By the end of 2018, the University expects to have vacated 13 buildings with the goal of saving more than $1 million in annual operating costs and $32 million in postponed building maintenance and repairs. Landscape costs for maintaining the property once demolition has occurred will be minimal, and will be included within the current grounds maintenance budget.

5. **Academic implications:** Given the current enrollment projections, UND has more than enough classroom, class laboratory, and office spaces to conduct its mission of teaching and learning. The quality of the space, though, is marginal. A large number of buildings require repairs and upgrades; several systems are in imminent danger of failure. There is a substantial backlog of capital renewal and maintenance. For academic spaces, the backlog is $298 million, and is projected to grow to $506 million in ten years if no action is taken. Consolidation of space will provide opportunities to improve the quality of the work-study environment, and it will have a positive impact on the mission of teaching and learning. By reducing the space occupied, UND will be able to better focus limited resources.

6. **Legal/policy issues:** On January 25, 2017, pursuit to NDCC Section 55-02-07 and SBHE Policy 903, UND notified the Historical Society of North Dakota of its intent to demolish eight buildings located on the Grand Forks campus. The State Historical Society provided its determination of whether these building have historical significance as requested.

7. **Review Process:**

8. **Enclosures:** SBHE agenda item

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10. **Chancellor’s Recommendation:** Approved