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Chairman Berghoff, President Daniels, members of the board. It is my pleasure to speak in front of you today on the behalf of all the students at Purdue University North Central.

I would like to start with a quick introduction about myself. My name is Travis Ziegler and I am the Student Body president at PNC. It is my final year as a Business student studying both Marketing and Management. With it being my final year, I will be graduating in May 2016. Along with being Student Government president, I have also been a member of the Honors Program, the head broadcaster for sports at PNC for the Panther News Network, Circle K International, Improv Club, as well as represented the students for committees such as Student Affairs and the Unification Committee.

This school year, our Student Government has several activities and events going on. We were highly involved in Purdue Pride Week where we competed in various games and competitions involving both brains and brawn as well as hosted a car show to raise money for our scholarship and the Wounded Warriors Foundation during our alumni Welcome-Back night. Purdue Pride week was a great opportunity to act as a campus unifier between our students, staff, and faculty. We just completed our fall elections to fill our remaining positions for Student Government. Now we can take the next step and as a complete organization get out to the students and help them with their concerns. In the spring, we will be hosting our annual High School Leadership Conference as High School students from the surrounding area are invited to PNC and learn about different ways to be a leader and how to become involved in both their schools and community. Our organizations and clubs are highly involved with two goals, to enrich our school experience, and to give back to our community. Students perform 1000s of hours of community service. We have already addressed concerns with Disability Services, started the re-establishment of the Astronomy Club, and planned our fundraising and event campaigns. I am looking forward to continuing the work my predecessors have accomplished while increasing our influence to students for the future.

As a senior, I am excited to be part of the first class of PNC students to graduate in the new Student Services and Activities Complex. This building will be able to host sporting events, foster in new student clubs, help build student activity, host larger scale public events at PNC such as the Sinai Forums, and overall enrich the Student Life at PNC. Though I won't be able to enjoy the new building in full effect, it is a good excuse for visiting as an alumni.
Unification coming to reality, what was once an idea years ago is now only months away. Through time, questions have been raised and everyone had their own concerns and opinions, but we realize Unification of both the North Central and Calumet campus would be a work in progress. Colleges have met across and have been working on a structured curriculum. Our two student governments have been in collaboration to come up with a new structured model and constitution that future individuals could work upon. Change is hard, but in this case I believe change will be monumentally beneficial. The new university will stand as the fifth biggest institute in Indiana. We will have more programs and more opportunities to learn and grow. Our student government had been involved in the chancellor search, given the opportunity to interview each candidate. I would like to recognize Chancellor Dworkin for his hard work and leadership at Purdue North Central, and I would like to wish the new appointed Chancellor for PNW the best of luck.

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to speak here today for PNC. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.