



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Senate Resolution 22.04

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate with regards to improving rural healthcare opportunities for all students within the TTUHSC system)

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is a significant producer of a variety of healthcare professionals for the West Texas region, and

WHEREAS, the West Texas region is home to many rural communities in need of healthcare professionals that understand their specific needs and are educated on their culture, and

WHEREAS, TTUHSC students from all programs often lack exposure to healthcare within rural communities and are unaware of the differences that uphold it from urban healthcare including health literacy and stigmas, and

WHEREAS, several fields of study in TTUHSC, including the Speech-Language department, do not offer any rural-healthcare experiences or opportunities for their students, and

WHEREAS, students attending rural health electives or clinical rotations often do not have options for accessible or affordable temporary housing or lodging, and

WHEREAS, students have been required in the past to secure or provide their own methods of housing, often without compensation, leading to cancellations of rural electives and rotations, and

WHEREAS, interprofessional dialogue and interactions would be improved by encouraging all fields of study within TTUHSC to engage in rural health experiences alongside each other, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls on the administration to provide financial reimbursement to students on rural health experiences for housing and travel expenses; the establishment of scholarships for students in financial need in order to engage in rural health experiences without fear of financial duress; and for the administration to provide rural healthcare experiences for all students of the TTUHSC schools and campuses,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **LORI-RICE SPEARMAN, Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **DARRIN D'AGOSTINO, DO, MPH, MBA**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, **MATEO ROSILES**, Editor of The Daily Toreador, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; to be considered further.

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