



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Senate Resolution 20.08

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate for Elsevier to negotiate earnestly and in good faith with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) through the Texas Academic/Research Libraries Collaboration to reach a fair and reasonable agreement on a new contract for Science Direct)

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Preston Smith Library is to facilitate inquiry into the sciences, and

WHEREAS, the alternative to continued immediate, direct access requiring a wait of 24-48 hours for each article request serves as a challenge to scientific progression

WHEREAS, continuation of immediate, direct access improves productivity and efficiency of all publication-generating bodies in TTUHSC, many of whom include our students

WHEREAS, the rising cost of access to ScienceDirect has become financially untenable, and

WHEREAS, continued immediate, direct access would uphold our institutional core values like supporting visionaries

WHEREAS, the resolution for exchange of goods between Elsevier/ScienceDirect and TTUHSC must be done in good faith for mutual benefit, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of TTUHSC call for Elsevier to negotiate earnestly and in good faith with TTUHSC through the Texas Academic/Research Libraries Collaboration to reach a fair and reasonable agreement on a new contract for Science Direct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **LORI RICE-SPEARMAN**, PhD, TTUHSC Provost and Interim President; **BRANDT SCHNEIDER**, PhD, Dean of Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; **RIAL ROLFE**, PhD, Assoc. Provost for Academic Affairs; **STEVEN BERK**, MD, TTUHSC Dean of School of Medicine; **RICHARD NOLLAN**, PhD, Executive Director of TTUHSC Libraries; **MCKENZIE MORRIS**, Editor of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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