



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.  
Student Government Association

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
Senate Resolution 20.11

1 (Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding increasing funding for the Program of  
2 Assistance for Students)

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4 WHEREAS, the mental health of students is of paramount importance to Texas Tech University  
5 Health Sciences Center,

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7 WHEREAS, interventions have been called for to address the mental health crisis in graduate  
8 education,<sup>1</sup>

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10 WHEREAS, the prevalence of depression is three times higher in medical students compared to  
11 the general population,<sup>2</sup>

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13 WHEREAS, the counselors of the Program of Assistance for Students have called for increasing  
14 the number of free counseling sessions available to students,

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16 WHEREAS, increasing the number of free counseling sessions provided to students will likely  
17 necessitate hiring at least one additional counselor at the Counseling Center at TTUHSC in  
18 Lubbock,

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20 WHEREAS, senators from Lubbock, senators from all regional campuses, the presidents of the  
21 medical school classes, and the members of the Student Wellness Committee have come together  
22 in support of increasing funding for mental health services on all of Texas Tech University  
23 Health Sciences Center's campuses.

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25 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health  
26 Sciences Center calls for increased funding for the Program of Assistance for Students, thereby  
27 enabling the Program of Assistance for Students to better meet the mental health needs of our  
28 students by increasing the number of free sessions available to students and/or hiring an  
29 additional counselor on the staff of the Counseling Center at TTUHSC in Lubbock.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies  
32 be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman**, Interim President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
33 Center; **Micheal West**, Assistant Provost for Finance and Administration; **Erin Justyna**,

34 Assistant Provost for Student Affairs; and to the students of Texas Tech University Health  
35 Sciences Center.

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President, Student Senate

<sup>1</sup>Evans, Teresa M., et al. "Evidence for a mental health crisis in graduate education." *Nature biotechnology* 36.3 (2018): 282.

<sup>2</sup>Heiman, Noa, Rachel Davis, and Brian Rothberg. "A deeper understanding of depression and suicidality among medical students." *Medical teacher* 41.6 (2019): 711-713.