



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.

Student Government Association

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Senate Resolution 20.13

(Stating for continued support and constant efforts of School of Medicine's ability to promote diversity through appropriate review of data)

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) tries to uphold values-based tenets such as "one team" by including diverse perspectives held by people of color,

WHEREAS, a study examining the consequences of bans on race considerations in medical school admissions resulting in a 17% decline in the matriculation of students who are underrepresented students of color,¹

WHEREAS, TTUHSC seeks to train competent healthcare professionals to care for local and national communities that comprise of people of color (39.3% according to the most recent census and is projected to increase to 54% in the coming years),²

WHEREAS, numerous studies shows that patients fare better when they seek treatment from healthcare professionals who are of the same race and/or ethnicity,³

WHEREAS, the goal of accepting more people of color enhances the educational experience of all by exposing students to different cultures and/or beliefs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Science Center calls for continued reconsideration of TTUHSC's change in policy to no longer consider race in admissions, and affirms our dedication to cultivating a diverse student body and student experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to LORI RICE-SPEARMAN, PhD, TTUHSC President; STEVEN BERK, MD, TTUHSC Dean of School of Medicine; Office of Diversity & Inclusion, MCKENZIE MORRIS, Editor of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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