



Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Senate Resolution 22.16

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate with regards to increasing sustainable efforts and awareness within the TTUHSC system)

WHEREAS, climate change and its effect on human health is becoming an increasingly urgent concern within public health and medicine, and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, “between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year,”³ and

WHEREAS, health effects of climate change range from increased respiratory problems due to pollen and rising air pollution, to threatened food security, to changes in distribution of diseases carried by vectors², and

WHEREAS, the New England Journal of Medicine recently published a call to action in the fight against climate change¹, and

WHEREAS, TTUHSC is a major contributor to future health professionals and sets an example within the community, and

WHEREAS, major improvements could be made, for example, in limiting the use of single use plastics given out at events by providing compostable utensils and cups or providing lectures on climate change, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for TTUHSC to be more environmentally conscious by joining in efforts to educate future health care professionals on climate change as well as taking action to model sustainability on its campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Penny Harkey**, Executive Vice President of Finance & Operation; **Erin Justyna**, Assistant Provost for Student Affairs; **Steven Berk**, Dean, School of Medicine; **Michael Evans**, Dean

School of Nursing; **Dawndra Sechrist**, Dean, School of Health Professions; **Brandt Schneider**, Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; **Quentin Smith**, Dean, Jerry h. Hodge School of Pharmacy; **Mateo Rosiles**, Editor-in-chief of The Daily Toreador; and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernardo Gonzalez", written over a horizontal line.

Bernardo Gonzalez

President, Student Senate

1. Atwoli, L., et al. (2021). "Call for Emergency Action to Limit Global Temperature Increases, Restore Biodiversity, and Protect Health." *New England Journal of Medicine* 385(12): 1134-1137.
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, March 2). *Climate effects on health*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/default.htm>
3. World Health Organization. (2021, October 30). *Climate change and health*. World Health Organization. Retrieved from <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/climate-change-and-health>