



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
Senate Resolution 25.04

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate regarding the ability of the School of Nursing students to have a pinning ceremony prior to the official graduation date.)

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center serves as an institution dedicated to fostering a sense of community and unity among its diverse student body and with hosting a united pinning ceremony amongst its graduating cohorts would serve as a powerful monument of the university's commitment to these values; and,

WHEREAS, the pinning ceremony has long been a cherished tradition in nursing schools across the country—including University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University, and Texas A&M—symbolizing and emphasizing the transition from nursing student to nurse and marking a moment of deep personal and professional achievement; and,

WHEREAS, a pinning ceremony is symbolic due to the fact that it signifies the completion of nursing school at the bachelors level of education and the ceremonial initiation into the nursing profession while highlighting the collaborative nature of healthcare and significance of interdisciplinary teamwork; and,

WHEREAS, the tradition of a pinning ceremony has roots that date back to Florence Nightingale, who gave medals to her nursing students who did outstanding patient care, this established the belief of recognizing the achievement with a symbol as such a pinning ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, this ceremony serves as a rite of passage to recognize the hard work, dedication, perseverance of students who have successfully completed their academic programs and are prepared to enter into their respective professions; and,

WHEREAS, hosting a united pinning ceremony not only provides support and acknowledgment to the graduating nurses, but provides institutional pride and positive promotion of TTUHSC in providing high quality nurses to rural West Texas and opportunity to advertise the nursing school to future or prospective students and families; and,

WHEREAS, the pinning ceremony will celebrate the students' achievements and be a testament to our faculty and staff of the commitment in nurturing the next generation of healthcare professionals; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of this ceremony will be a minimal financial burden due to use of TTUHSC facilities as the event center. Utilization of a simple structured plan and dedicated team will easily navigate faculty, family, alumni, and student logistics; and,

WHEREAS, the financial feasibility of a united pinning ceremony should be explored through university support, alumni contributions, and potential sponsorships to make the event sustainable and accessible to all nursing graduates now and in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Senate of TTUHSC recognizes the importance of preserving and enhancing meaningful traditions that celebrate student and TTUHSC success and professional milestones; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center urges the university to initiate and implement a pinning ceremony available to all nursing students graduates in which the different campuses can come together to host a celebratory and traditional ceremony highlights the service and success of nursing students as they transition into their new roles as graduate nurse, and therefore,

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, D.O., MPH, MBA.**, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer*; **Jody C. Randall Ed.D.**, *Vice President & Chief Experience Officer*; **Holly Wei, PhD, RN, CPN, NEA-BC, FAAN.**, *Dean of the School of Nursing*; **Kelly Moseley, DHSc, R.N.**, *Regional Dean of the School of Nursing Permian Basin*; **Heather Guest, Ph.D., R.N.**, *Regional Dean of the School of Nursing Abilene*; **Valerie Kiper, DNP, MSN, RN, NEA-BC.**, *Regional Dean of the School of Nursing Amarillo*; **Tiffani Wise, DNP, RN, CNE.**, *Regional Dean of the School of Nursing Dallas*; **Marianna Souriall**, *Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jesse Burnett", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a trailing flourish.

Jesse Burnett  
President, Student Government Association