

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 25.11

(Stating the sentiments of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Student Senate regarding to implementation of a better organization/database system where each school's respective scholarship page shows a variety of scholarships for each profession)

WHEREAS, a centralized and well-organized scholarship database would reduce administrative burden by streamlining the scholarship application process, minimizing student inquiries, decreasing redundant communication, and improving overall efficiency in scholarship management; and,

WHEREAS, the importance of having better organization towards not only concise and detailed information for all students and programs, but it is also available across all Health Sciences Center Institutions which would eliminate confusion and potential user error; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to have constant updating to include all external scholarships specific for each school along with scholarship information that does not only focus in one area of the state or part of the country, it allows for all types of students, in person and distance learners, have an equal opportunity to be able to apply without restriction; and,

WHEREAS, students also need to be given notice sooner in the semester, similar to receiving a scholarship, as opposed to the current system such as in the School of Nursing where notice is given mid-semester after tuition has been paid; and,

WHEREAS, the collaboration between financial aid offices and IT services to create an efficient, user-friendly, and sustainable database system; and,

WHEREAS, this improved database system would also decrease the barriers to students throughout west Texas, as distance students would have the same database as the students residing in the "hub" of Lubbock; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to have increased direct and easy-to-access links across all social media pages, institutions' websites, the learning applications within each school, and emails sent school wide via the Office of the President at the beginning of each semester; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC Student Senate recognizes the necessity for a streamlined organization and database system for scholarships, ensuring students have equitable access to financial resources; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center administration is encouraged to implement an improved scholarship database that categorizes opportunities by profession, includes detailed eligibility criteria, application processes, deadlines, allows for in person and distance learners without restrictions to apply, is available across all HSC institutions; 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*; Holly Wei, PhD, RN, CPN, NEA-BC, FAAN, *Dean of the School of Nursing*; John C. DeToledo, MD., Dean of the School of Medicine and the TTUHSC Executive Vice President for Clinical Affairs; Dawndra Sechrist, OTR, PhD., Dean of the School of Health Professions; Brandt L. Schneider, PhD., Dean of the School of Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; Grace Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy; Gerard E. Carrino, PhD, MPH., Dean of the School of Julia Jones Matthews School of Population & Public Health; Marianna Souriall., *Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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