

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 25.12

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate regarding the promotion of awareness for the safetyescort resources available to students on every TTUHSC campus)

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment for students through the provision of various resources, including crisis support, suicide prevention, the Program of Assistance for Students and Employees, and campus security services; and,

WHEREAS, many students may be unaware of the safety-escort services available to enhance their security when walking alone on campus, particularly at night or during late hours; and,

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of these safety-escort services is essential to ensure that students feel empowered to utilize them when necessary, promoting their personal safety and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, supporting awareness of safety-escort resources aligns with TTUHSC's core values of "integrity" and "kindheartedness" by encouraging proactive engagement with safety services and fostering a culture of care and responsibility within the campus community; and,

WHEREAS, national statistics indicate that students, especially those in health sciences programs with nontraditional hours, face elevated safety concerns when navigating campus alone during late hours, making the availability of safety-escort services even more vital; and,

WHEREAS, other academic institutions have successfully implemented campaigns to raise awareness about campus safety resources, leading to increased utilization of escort services and improved student security outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC's commitment to providing a secure learning environment involves promoting access to safety resources, ensuring that students can focus on their academic and clinical responsibilities without undue concern for their personal safety; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC's safety-escort services are a valuable resource that, if better publicized, could lead to increased student engagement without incurring additional operational costs; and,

WHEREAS, students who remain on campus for late classes, study sessions, or other activities would greatly benefit from knowing that safety-escort services are readily available to assist them, contributing to a greater sense of security and community well-being; and,

WHEREAS, fostering awareness of safety-escort services across all campuses would reinforce TTUHSC's commitment to student safety and strengthen the relationship between students, faculty, and campus safety personnel; and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of TTUHSC calls for the creation of an awareness campaign to highlight the availability of safety-escort resources on all campuses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this campaign includes the dissemination of clear and accessible information about how to request a safety-escort, the benefits of using the service, and how the program contributes to overall campus safety; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this awareness initiative be implemented during the next academic cycle to maximize outreach and effectiveness; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TTUHSC Safety Services work with student organizations, campus communications, and faculty to promote this campaign and ensure students are informed about safety-escort services available to them; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TTUHSC community, including students, faculty, and staff, be encouraged to participate in creating a supportive environment where safety resources are well-known and utilized by all members of the community; 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; Karlie Kennon, Associate Director TTUHSC Safety Services, Holly King, Supervisor, University ID Office TTU, Ricky Wallace, Officer, Texas Tech Police Department, Amy Ivey, Captain, Texas Tech Police Department, Kenny Evans, Assistant Chief of Police, Texas Tech Police Department, Mike McCalister, Lieutenant, Texas Tech Police Department, Lieutenant, Texas Tech Police Department, Chris Patterson, Lieutenant, Texas Tech Police Department, Heath Steele, Assistant Chief of Police, Texas Tech Police Department, Kyle Bonath, Chief of Police, Texas Tech Police Department, Leslie Collins JD, TTUHSC Title IX Coordinator, Steve Perez, Regional Safety Services Manager Abilene and Dallas, Ryan Trahan, Senior Safety Technician Abilene and Dallas, Albert Patton, Regional Safety Services Manager Amarillo, Armando Hernandez, Regional Safety Services Manager, Marianna Souriall, Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Toreador, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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