

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 23.14

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate proposing that the School of Nursing in Amarillo designate specific classrooms each semester for use by the students of the School of Nursing until additional buildings can be constructed.)

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing expanded its traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to the Amarillo campus as of January 2022 to help contribute to the pool of qualified nurses within the North Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, nursing students have struggled over the past few semesters to remain informed as to which classroom they are assigned to daily due to an inconsistency in room assignments, as the buildings currently accommodate the many programs that reside on campus; and,

WHEREAS, providing the nursing student cohort with unchanged and specific classrooms to use each semester would help resolve student stress and confusion, as well as alleviate overburdening nursing faculty, as they must determine which classroom has been assigned daily; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo serves programs in Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Physical Therapy on campus, with each of these schools committed to preparing students for accreditation with the same hospitality across all campuses; and,

WHEREAS, at various Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campuses, classroom location is selected based on the size of the cohort and class, and remains unchanged for the remainder of the semester; and,

WHEREAS, dictating specific classroom assignments for a semester in its entirety will improve the learning experience and ensure structure for the nursing student cohort, thus improving academic outcomes, student preparedness and general wellbeing of the faculty and students; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for the appointment of designated classrooms per semester for each of the specific nursing levels within the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, providing equal opportunity to the nursing students to complete all scheduled exams, class time, and any additional curriculum requirements until further building accommodation can be found; 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; Valerie Kiper DNP, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, School of Nursing Regional Dean; Arianna Flores, Editorin-Chief of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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