

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution – 21.03

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding increase in promoting the hiring of diverse standardized patients for clinical education.)

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) was founded on the inclusion of diverse groups in order to spur innovation and deliver comprehensive healthcare to West Texas

WHEREAS, throughout its history and to the present day, TTUHSC has employed several medical professionals including physicians, pharmacists, and nurses from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

WHEREAS, TTUHSC has graciously provided standardized patients to assist in clinical training for the many healthcare professional schools.

WHEREAS, increasing the number of underrepresented populations not limited to but including sexual orientation and ethnicity.

WHEREAS, there is currently no hiring system in place targeted at recruiting diverse standardized patients.

WHEREAS, increasing the hiring of a diverse standardized patient population would better prepare students for future clinical encounters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for the increase in hiring of standardized patients of many diverse populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Office of the President; **Steven L. Berk, MD**, Dean of the School of Medicine; **Michael L. Evans, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Dean of the School of Nursing; **Dawndra Sechrist, OTR, PhD**, Dean of the School of Health Professions; **Brandt L. Schneider, PhD**, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences; and **Quentin Smith, PhD**, Dean of the Jerry Hodge School of Pharmacy to be considered further.

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Marcus Gonzalez President, Student Senate