

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 21.16

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding study rooms 5D101,5D102, 5D105-5D107 currently being used for storage)

WHEREAS, many TTUHSC students have found the recently built D-pod to be their preferred study area on campus, and

WHEREAS, rooms with glass doors and walls may provide a more desirable study area for those who prefer quiet areas while still having their surroundings and colleagues visible to them, and

WHEREAS, similarly sized rooms in the Preston Smith Library don't provide students with the technology nor modern aesthetic that these rooms do, which have already become available for use with limited capacity, while following an appropriate Covid-19 protocol, and

WHEREAS, many areas from the D-pod have empty space that could be filled with the tables and chairs being stored, while remaining socially distanced from those already in place, and

WHEREAS, these study rooms were initially used for storage, in part, to prevent students from studying together in small places according to campus officials, and

WHEREAS, starting on May 24, 2021, guidelines will allow for rooms to be occupied at up to 50% occupancy, without a restriction on distance between students, and

WHEREAS, the furniture in these rooms can then be used inside of classrooms, as well as the common areas on the D-pod or around other areas on campus, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for the process of study rooms 5D101, 5D102, 5D105-5D107 to begin getting cleared of storage and become available to students for use in a way deemed appropriate by campus officials, given Covid-19 policies and availability for storage,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Harry Slife**, Vice President of Facilities & Safety Services; the office of **Lori Rice-Spearman Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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