

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 22.07

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate regarding the School of Health Professions (SHP)

Distance Education programs implementing beginning-of-course Zoom meetings)

WHEREAS, there is no requirement for SHP Distance Education professors to host beginning-of-course Zoom meetings, and

WHEREAS, beginning-of-course professor introductions are done through pre-recorded videos, memos, PowerPoints, etc., and

WHEREAS, many SHP Distance Education students have expressed interest in having a beginning-of-course Zoom meeting to facilitate interactions and relationships with peers and the course professor, and

WHEREAS, Zoom meetings will help professors state expectations for the course and take questions from students, and

WHEREAS, students may have the opportunity to clarify any uncertainty regarding the syllabus and/or course expectations, and

WHEREAS, the Associate Dean for Educational Technology, Dr. Redman, endorses this legislation, as can be seen in the **Appendix**, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center calls for all SHP Distance Education professors to include a mandatory beginning-of-course Zoom meeting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **WADE REDMAN**, Associate Dean for Educational Technology; **Dawndra Sechrist**, OTR, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Health Professions; **MATEO ROSILES**, Editor of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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Bernardo Gonzalez

President, Student Senate

Appendix



Dear Kathryn Moore, SGA Senator:

As Associate Dean for Online Learning, and on behalf of the School of Health Professions, I fully support the legislation piece which would require faculty to provide at least one mandatory Zoom meeting for 100% online programs at the beginning of each semester. We would not require attendance by students, only to provide the opportunity each semester. We realize that this time would not only be beneficial for networking with fellow classmates, but provides the opportunity for professors to outline course expectations.

Please let me know if you need additional information or assistance.

Best.

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