



SMU STUDENT SENATE

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1 **A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND**
2 **THE MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL**
3 **STUDENTS**

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5 WHEREAS Southern Methodist University is very concerned about the
6 health and well-being of all students, and

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8 NOTING the University's new mandatory health insurance policy,
9 that requires all international students taking one or more
10 credit hours to maintain the new Academic Health Plan as a
11 condition of enrollment, and

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13 FURTHER NOTING the benefits and programs of the plan, policy and coverage
14 expenses, and

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16 HAVING EXAMINED the benefits and the costs of the plan that is required by the
17 University's health services from the Academic Health
18 Plan provider they have partnered with, and

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20 RECOGNIZING that there are other health plans, health insurance
21 companies, and providers that offer plans with equal or
22 higher quality health insurance coverage for accidents and
23 sickness, hospitalization, surgery, maternity and other
24 services, yet for less cost that is as low as half price, and

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26 HAVING EXAMINED
27 FURTHER the costs of a higher quality health insurance coverage is
28 \$1.6 /day, and

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30 GRIEVED that the less quality health insurance coverage that is
31 required to be maintained by the students costs \$3.4 /day,
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34 ACKNOWLEDGING that many International students already have health
35 insurances that are provided by either their foreign
36 governments or by domestic partners of their foreign
37 provider, and

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39 RECOGNIZING that there is a general consensus among the school's
40 International students who already have health insurance or

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Respectfully Submitted,
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International Senator

have already committed to other health insurance providers that the policy should be amended, and be it therefore

that the administration would take the necessary steps to urge the health services department to approve more options of health insurance providers, and be it

that the health services department would set a minimum benefit requirement that students must maintain without a requirement to maintain a specific provider.