



# SMU STUDENT SENATE

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

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

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7   NOTING                             the University's new mandatory health insurance policy,  
8   that requires all international students taking one or more  
9   credit hours to maintain the Academic Health Plan as a  
10    condition of enrollment –effective Fall 2008- and the policy  
11    in the making that all students to be required to maintain  
12    the University’s health plan provided by Academic Health  
13    Plans starting Fall semester of 2009, and

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15   WITH APPRECIATION             the efforts made by the administration and those individuals  
16   that aims to draw Southern Methodist University as a  
17   school and a community on a bigger map nationally and  
18   internationally, and

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20   HAVING EXAMINED               the benefits and the costs of the plan that is required by the  
21   University’s health services from the Academic Health  
22   Plan provider they have partnered with, and other plans  
23   required by schools such as Princeton, USC, and Vanderbilt  
24   that offer plans with equal or higher quality health  
25   insurance coverage for accidents and sickness,  
26   hospitalization, surgery, maternity and other services, yet  
27   for less cost that is as low as half price, and

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30   RECOGNIZING                   that the premium costs of the plans required by those  
31   schools are rated as \$2.90 per day for Princeton, \$2.50 per  
32   day for USC, and as low as \$1.60 per day for Vanderbilt  
33   comparing to the \$3.50 per day for the Academic Health  
34   Plans, and

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36   FURTHER  
37   RECOGNIZING                   that there is a general consensus among the school’s  
38   International students who are already required to maintain  
39   the University’s health plan that they could purchase a  
40   health plan that is equal or higher in quality than the one

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required by the University at a lower price, and be it therefore

that the administration would take the necessary steps to urge the health services department to revise the plan and benefits to what best suits the general population of Southern Methodist University and partner with who provides the best at minimum cost.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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