A RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE SANE NURSE ON CALL AT THE SMU HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS currently, the SMU Health Center has a section devoted to victims of sexual assault. Since the Health Center is only open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5 p.m., those victims do not have access to on campus resources when traditionally those assaults occur, and

RECOGNIZING the implementation of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs, a Department of Justice report showed a 95 percent increase in successful prosecution of cases where evidence was collected by a SANE-certified nurse. Until 2010, Dallas was the largest city in the nation without a SANE program, and

ACKNOWLEDGING the exam must be completed within 96 hours of a sexual assault and having the SANE available on campus encourages reporting within that time frame. The student is familiar with their surroundings, likely familiar with the health center, and can chose whether or not to file a police report. There is no need for an RA or any other student to drive to one of the three hospitals in Dallas that offer safe and reduces extended trauma. All emergency rooms are required to have the facilities to complete a rape kit but not all of them have the privilege of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner to complete them, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the President's Commission for Consent has asked that the Student Senate support their research and decision to require the SMU Health Center to have a 24/7 SANE Nurse on call.

The 105th Student Senate shows their support for the SMU Health Center to have a 24/7 SANE Nurse available. Therefore, the President's Commission for Consent can state the SMU Student Senate and student body supports the process of adding a 24/7 SANE Nurse.
The SMU Health Center make it known to the entire student body that the SANE Nurse is available to students who may require that resource.

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