UTHSCSA SGA PROPOSED RESOLUTION # FY14-2
A RESOLUTION ENTITLED: Making the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio a Safe Space for our LGBT Community

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WHEREAS, students of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) are students of the healing arts and sciences, dedicated to improving lives in every way we can; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the UTHSCSA Student Government Association to seek to improve the experience of all students on campus, especially by fostering a sense of safety and community for all our members; and

WHEREAS, members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community are significantly and adversely affected by prejudices or beliefs overtly, covertly, or unconsciously maintained by their colleagues and community at large; and

WHEREAS, the UTHSCSA Office of Student Life (OSL), UTHSCSA Counseling Center, and UTHSCSA Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) jointly sponsor and conduct a “Safe Space” training to raise awareness about LGBT issues; and

WHEREAS, despite the existence of these programs and other UTHSCSA and San Antonio city resources, students are often unaware of their availability or content.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Student Government Assembly commit to inform their constituencies of the Safe Space program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UTHSCSA OSL distribute materials and information, provided by the Gay Straight Alliance, about local and on-campus LGBT resources for distribution to students at new-student orientation, along with an “Ally Rainbow Sticker” to allow students to optionally identify themselves as LGBT allies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SGA and administration of UTHSCSA seek to provide the Gay-Straight Alliance with resources and tools necessary to make UTHSCSA a Safe Space Campus.

I hereby certify that this resolution, entitled Making the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio a Safe Space for our LGBT Community, was considered by the Student Government Assembly on October 3, 2013. It has been PASSED/FAILED by a vote of 16 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstaining.

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