

## TJCSGA General Assembly Resolution

A Resolution Concerning mental and emotional education and awareness of Individual Colleges within TJCSGA region II

**WHEREAS**, According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, more than 75 percent of all mental health conditions begin before the age of 24; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S Department of Health & Human Services states that the overall percentage of high school students who report they had at least 1 major depressive episode or attempted suicide 1 or more times (during the 12 months before the survey) in Texas is 12% compared to the 7% nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, According to College Stat organization, 75% of students who suffer from depression do not seek help for their mental health problem and 44% of them contemplate suicide each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Campuses and their counseling centers are seeing increased, unmet demand from students. National assessment data shows rising levels of anxiety, depression, and suicidality/suicidal ideation among the college population. Suicide being the second leading cause of death among college students;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Colleges under TJCSGA region II should work toward a more appropriate counselor to student ratio; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, We encourage each campus to register and display a herefortexas.com resource page on the opening resources page of the website for both student and employee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Students should be educated through orientation or online class on both mental and emotional conditions and the different tools or solutions at their disposal.

Submitted by:

The TJCSGA Resolutions Committee

Respectfully Submitted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

## **TJCSGA General Assembly Resolution**

A Resolution Concerning **Disability Education and Advocacy** for Individual Colleges within TJCSGA region II

**WHEREAS**, Enrollment statistics listed by the National Center For Education Statistics found that 20.4 million students were expected to attend an American college or university in the fall of 2017, estimating more than 200,000 students entering college had some learning disability; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 Research, College students with disabilities are also more likely to drop out of school than their peers without disabilities, with only 34 percent of students with disabilities completing a four-year program. Conversely, 51 percent of their peers without disabilities finish school; and

**WHEREAS**, Students with disabilities who are enrolled in college may qualify for disability services, but these would all be insufficient. According to a Hechinger report from Higher Education 94 percent of high school students with learning disabilities received some form of assistance. In contrast, 17 percent of college students with learning disabilities took advantage of the resources provided at their schools. According to UNESCO, not enough efforts are being made towards making higher education more accessible due to lack of sufficient awareness on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty, staff and other students seem to not be prepared nor equipped to help, interact, and recognize distress signals of those with disabilities;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, We highly encourage member colleges to work on improving the odds of success for those with disabilities by promoting a more compassionate environment toward these students, and increasing the awareness and knowledge of the challenges students with disability face; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That just as CPR lets you help someone having a heart attack, we highly encourage TJCSGA region 2 colleges to educate student leaders and staff on procedures and recognizing when a student with a disability is having a breakdown or physical impediment; and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, TJCSGA region 2 colleges should create a program where students are able to have these conversations about students with disabilities and further the awareness on campuses.

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## A Resolution Concerning Sexual Misconduct Within Individual Colleges of Region II of TJCSGA

WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by a non-profit called Stop Street Harassment, 81% of women and 43% of men experience some form of sexual harassment in their lifetime after entering college; and

WHEREAS, According to research conducted by the Crime Victims' Institute at Sam Houston State University, college students are at higher risk of being stalked than the general public. Four out of five victims know their stalker but are less likely to report the crime to the police. Based on research conducted by the National Center for Victims of Crime, 6.6 million people are stalked in one year in the United States. 1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime, of which, 81.3% go unreported.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Resolutions Committee of the Region II of the TJCSGA urges each campus to frequently introduce a special training module on the prevalence and prevention of sexual harassment on campus, which would be a safety certification for students and employees. As part of their certification, students and staff both should be trained to identify and report incidents, including persistent, covert cases of harassment such as stalking. Once a student is certified, causes such as ignorance and lack of education will be discounted. Perpetrators shall be penalized as deemed appropriate by their respective Title IX coordinator, should they choose to behave outside the highlighted code of conduct and violate the terms of their training.

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The TJCSGA Resolutions Committee

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## **TJCSGA General Assembly Resolution**

A Resolution Concerning clothes closet/pantry of Individual Colleges within TJCSGA region II

**WHEREAS**, According to a new report released by United Way of Texas, 4 million or 42% of Texas households cannot afford a necessary monthly budget for housing, food, transportation, child care, health care, and a monthly phone bill; and

**WHEREAS**, Students in Texas now [pay more than double](#) the tuition of what they did 15 years ago, and many students at Texas colleges struggle to find enough food to eat and clothes; therefore, they struggle academically as a result; and

**WHEREAS**, Most colleges in the region have food pantries for students, but there are few clothing pantries where students can get clothes when they need to;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That colleges within TJCSGA region II work towards the implementation of a clothes closet/pantry at each campus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That campuses SGAs are encouraged to teams up with the appropriate office from each campus to facilitate the creation of a clothes closet/pantry of donations of wearable clothing.

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The TJCSGA Resolutions Committee

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## **TJCSGA General Assembly Resolution**

A Resolution Concerning the sustainability of Feminine Hygiene Products in Restrooms of Individual Colleges within TJCSGA region II

WHEREAS, It was estimated by THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS (NCES) that about 19.9 million students would attend colleges and universities in the fall of 2019 and 11.3 millions or 57% of those students were female; and

WHEREAS, According to the UNITED NATIONS, a lack of access to feminine hygiene products is a widespread global issue. For example, in the U.S., the issue – referred to as period poverty – keeps 1 out of 5 girls out of school during their monthly cycle. This is based on a data released by the brand of feminine hygiene products named ALWAYS; and

WHEREAS, After inspecting the accessibility of feminine products on different campuses, it has been apparent that the dispensers for these hygiene products were broken or not consistently restocked for over ten years;

LET IT BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Every TJCSGA region 2 college should help create a comfortable and sanitary learning environment for all females in college by making feminine hygiene products more accessible in women bathrooms and maintain the dispensers in optimal conditions;

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