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1 **A Resolution-**

2 To be known as "A Resolution to Emphasize Student Need for In-
3 Person Course Offerings." Relating to the current issue of a
4 high number of classes being offered solely online."

5 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University, on
6 behalf of the student body, would like to address students' needs
7 and requests for assured in-person class options; and,

8 **WHEREAS:** A significant portion of students have expressed concern
9 over the number of courses offered exclusively online, resulting
10 in limited access to in-person learning opportunities; and,

11 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University has an existing policy and
12 expressed expectation that courses with an online/hybrid section
13 should offer at least one in-person section, yet this standard has
14 not been consistently upheld across departments; and,

15 **WHEREAS:** Student Government understands that certain exceptions
16 need to be made for courses that feature a niche topic area taught
17 by a faculty member who is not present in the San Marcos area, yet
18 it is evident through student feedback that online-only options
19 are not being confined to this rare circumstance; and,

20 **WHEREAS:** Though students should be allowed to choose online
21 sections of their courses, the keyword is 'choose'. When Colleges
22 and Departments restrict in-person class availability, they
23 deprive students of opportunities and confine them to a learning
24 style that may not accurately reflect their ideal educational
25 environment. As a university striving for academic greatness,
26 higher GPAs, and retention rates, we must promote an environment
27 that gives students the autonomy to select class types that best
28 suit their needs; and,

29 **WHEREAS:** Evidence has shown that online courses result in lower
30 academic achievement, a lessened sense of belonging, and overall
31 worse student performance. Thus, it is in the best interest of the
32 university to provide students with more in-person course options
33 and ensure they are not restricted to online learning; and,

34 **WHEREAS:** The procedure to bypass this standard or obtain an
35 exception to the mandate for in-person courses should go through
36 the Provost's office each time it is requested. Without oversight

37 from another department, students may find themselves paying
38 tuition for an in-person degree that they are earning online; and,
39 **WHEREAS:** Students should not have to pay online class fees when
40 they were not given the option to take it in person; therefore,
41 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Student Government of Texas State University
42 formally requests that departments and colleges uphold and enforce
43 the policy requiring that online courses must also provide an in-
44 person section; and,
45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the
46 Student Body President for further action.