



# SMU Student Senate

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## A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HONOR CODE TO MINIMIZE THE DISPROPORTIONATE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SANCTIONS

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**WHEREAS**

the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Student Senate promotes policies that ensure fair and equal treatment of students and reduce disproportionate economic impact.

**ACKNOWLEDGING**

that pursuant to the SMU Honor Code, amendments to the Code may be proposed by the Student Senate and require a “majority vote of the Honor Council, and approval by the Student Senate, the Faculty Senate, and the approval of the Provost and the Dean of Students.”

**RECOGNIZING**

that SMU’s current Honor Code’s recommended minimum sanction for a violation of the Honor Code is a transcript Honor Violation and a deferred suspension for the remainder of a student’s academic career.

**RECOGNIZING**

that the current SMU Honor Code does not permit students with an Honor Violation on their transcript participate in extracurricular activities or to hold student organization offices for a period of one year.

**RECOGNIZING**

that Article V, Section 5 of the current SMU Honor Code also does not permit students with an Honor Violation to receive non-need-based aid for a period of one year.

**RECOGNIZING**

that Article V, Section 5 of the current SMU Honor Code has the potential to disproportionately impact students who rely on non-need-based aid to support the cost of their SMU education, estimated to be \$89,676 for undergraduates during the 2024-2025 academic year.

**RECOGNIZING**

that none of SMU’s Aspirational Peer Universities maintain a policy that automatically prohibits students from receiving non-need-based aid when they are found responsible for an academic integrity violation.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

that the 110<sup>th</sup> Student Senate hereby approves the removal of Article V, Section 5 from the SMU Honor Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

that the 110<sup>th</sup> Student Senate encourages the Honor Council, Faculty Senate, Dean of Students, and Provost to similarly approve this amendment to the Honor Code.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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