## An Act to Increase Funding for the Counseling Center

- Whereas, the Tennessee Technological University Counseling Center provides essential services for the Tennessee Tech student body, and
- Whereas, the number of students seen by the Counseling Center per academic year increased 182% between 2007/08 and 2019/2020, and
- Whereas, the students attending the Center range in major, academic year, and needs, and
- Whereas, the Counseling Center has had to limit programs such as informational workshops over topics such as addiction and outreach programs over suicide prevention due to an inadequate amount of funds, and
- **Whereas,** the current \$2.00 student fee has been able to cover the crisis line, WellTrack, and mental health screeners.

## **NOW THEREFORE,**

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT

- **Section 1:** This bill shall be known as "An Act to Increase Funding for the Counseling Center."
- Section 2: The Counseling Center will now receive \$3.00 for every student enrolled at Tennessee Technological University, an increase from the \$2.00 currently allotted.
- Section 3: The Counseling Center will continue to offer their standard services that include a solution-focused, brief-treatment session model, psychoeducation groups, and outreach programs and workshops in addition to any additional programs such as the addiction workshops and suicide prevention outreaches they can create or bring back with the additional funds.
- Section 4: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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