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Submitted by: Christopher Harmon

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## **Motion:**

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The Student Government Association (SGA) requests approval of the following motion by the Faculty Senate:

The Faculty Senate endorses and supports the SGA "Resolution for recommendation to establish Tobacco Zones on Campus."

## **Rationale:**

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### WHY SHOULD YOUR CAMPUS BECOME TOBACCO-FREE?

- Tobacco litter desecrates the campus environment
- Access for people with disabilities is threatened (respiratory compromises)
- Prepare students for increasingly tobacco-free work places
- Provide public health policy leadership
- Support health and wellness initiatives
- Compliment institutional sustainability efforts

### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS MOVEMENT

- Colleges have had policies restricting tobacco use on their campus for decades

- Lack of enforcement of building perimeter and/or designated area tobacco use policies along with increased evidence of the problem of exposure to second hand smoke (SHS) are primary reasons for making campuses tobacco-free
- There is growing interest in having the campus culture reflect genuine respect for others and the environment, central themes of tobacco-free campus policy

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

- By making its campuses tobacco-free the institution establishes itself as a leader in public health policy
- This leadership role will encourage others to consider similar policies
- Through establishment of a tobacco-free advisory committee the institution will engage citizens from its service area
- Higher education and other entities from the area will seek assistance with similar policies

Source: The Center Of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, Ozarks Community College. [www.otc.edu/tobaccofree](http://www.otc.edu/tobaccofree). 2010.

#### **Response:**

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Attachment: Resolution for recommendation to establish Tobacco Zones on Campus  
Whereas there has been extensive research done on the harmful effects of tobacco and smoking use to both the user and those exposed to second hand smoke, and  
There has been a survey of the students, faculty, and staff of Georgia Southern University, and The Student Government Association has been asked to make its recommendation to the Office of the President on the issue

Be it resolved that we, the Student Government Association of Georgia Southern University support the implementation of tobacco zones across the entire campus, and Students from the Student Government Association along with members of the faculty senate and staff council will form a committee that will accept recommendations from all university constituents to aid in the designation of the most appropriate locations for tobacco zones, and As new constructions are developed over the years, this committee will meet annually to make modifications to the established zones if necessary.