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Tobacco Zone Initiative

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Discussion:

It is our desire for Faculty Senate to adopt a resolution that resembles our recommendation to establish tobacco zones on campus.

Rationale:

WHY SHOULD OUR CAMPUS BECOME TOBACCO-FREE?

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

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

Response:

The SEC notes that this item has been discussed at the April 2012 senate meeting. For the senate to consider a resolution, a resolution has to be put forth as a motion request. The SEC suggests that such a motion request be filed for the November senate meeting.

Attachments: [Resolution for Smoking Zones](#)