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STUDENT SENATE

S11RS

SGR No. 26

By: SENATOR PACE

A RESOLUTION**TO URGE AND REQUEST THE DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
TO ADOPT CHANGES IN POLICY STATEMENT 04.50**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, IN 1964, CLEARLY ESTABLISHED A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN CIGARETTE SMOKING AND ITS HARMFUL EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, TWENTY-NINE SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORTS SINCE 1964 HAVE CONFIRMED AND STRENGTHENED THE SURGEON GENERAL'S ORIGINAL CONCLUSION; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, CIGARETTES KILL ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT OF 2006 CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO RISK-FREE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT OF 2010 VALIDATES AND ENLARGES THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2006 REPORT BY DETAILING THE MECHANISMS BY WHICH THE TOXINS IN CIGARETTE SMOKE ACT AGAINST THE BODY'S SYSTEMS, AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THE SURGEON GENERAL'S 2010 REPORT IDENTIFIES AND EXPLAINS THE IMMEDIATE CARDIO-VASCULAR EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF TOBACCO SMOKE, AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, APPROXIMATELY 466 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOW 100% TOBACCO-FREE, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (GAINESVILLE), THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY (LEXINGTON), THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS (FAYETTEVILLE), AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (UPSTATE); AND
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, IN LOUISIANA, THE LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN SHREVEPORT, NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY, OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE, AND LOUISIANA DELTA COLLEGE ARE 100% TOBACCO-FREE;
- PARAGRAPH 9:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT PS-76 BE REVISED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE TO SECOND HAND SMOKE WHILE ENTERING AND EXITING BUILDINGS ON THE LSU A&M CAMPUS:

University Policy on Smoking
PS-04.50
POLICY

It is the policy of Louisiana State University to provide its students, faculty, staff and other members of the University community **including children of all members of the community** with a tobacco smoke free environment within its facilities **and along pathways utilized by the community, especially before, between and after classes and during events scheduled to benefit the community.** The University does not **presently** otherwise prohibit the smoking of tobacco by its students and employees and **does not consider the use of tobacco products** in employment decisions. **However, this employment decision aspect of the policy is subject to change in view of the large number of peer institutions that have changed to or are considering changing to smoke free campuses.**

Accordingly, except as otherwise provided by this policy **and often by state law**, smoking is prohibited within all **covered** University facilities. Persons choosing to smoke outside University buildings and other facilities should avoid **exposing others to smoke. Therefore, no smoking is permitted within 75 feet of the entrance and exit areas of all buildings (including loading docks, etc.) and in any extended walkway.**

1 Smoking in University residential buildings and food service areas shall be in accordance with **state law. State law prohibits smoking within buildings with the few exceptions to the state law, such as bars, not common on our campus.**

2 Smoking at special events open to the general public shall be in accordance **state law.**

3 Requests for exemption to this policy shall be directed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services, which will coordinate and monitor the review process with the Building Coordinator and others concerned for recommendation to the Office of the Chancellor for action. **However, any exemption shall be in accordance with state law.**

4 Smoking policies developed for **exemptions to allow smoking in outdoor areas** in accordance with Number **Two and Three** above shall address the following considerations:

- a. Whether benefits to students, employees and visitors outweigh health, safety and environmental factors.
 - b. The specific area for which exception is to be made and appropriate signs for such designation.
 - c. Measures to protect the rights of non-smokers.
 - d. The time period for which the exception is requested.
 - e. No exception may be made which conflicts with PS-29, "Environmental Control in the Classroom" nor where smoking has been proscribed by the State Fire Marshal.
5. Smoking is prohibited in all University vehicles **even if there is only one occupant.**

PARAGRAPH 10: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO ERIC MONDAY, VICE CHANCELLOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

PARAGRAPH 11: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT SENATE OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE CALLS UPON THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO MAKE OURS A TOBACCO-FREE/SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2012/2013 ACADEMIC YEAR.

PARAGRAPH 12: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

Approved:

Brooksie Bonvillain
Speaker of the Senate

Date: _____

J Ryan Hudson
Student Body President

Date: _____