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**SS-S12-4, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Regarding the SJSU Smoking Policy**

**Legislative History:** At its meeting of May 14, 2012, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by the Executive Committee. A policy recommendation (S03-06; replacing 93-11) was passed by the Academic Senate on May 5, 2003 and signed into policy by President Caret May 15, 2003. S03-06 restricts smoking and ashtrays to no less than 25 feet from any public entrance to or window of any campus building.

**CSU Legislative History:** The Board of Trustees of the California State University has delegated to campus presidents the authority to “adopt rules regulating smoking on the campuses and property of the CSU” (RCOW 09-02-01; Section 42356 of Article 9 of the California Code of Regulations). It is further stated in this section that regulations “shall seek to mitigate exposure to secondhand smoke”, that “notice shall be posted at or near the principal entrances of each campus or property calling attention to the existence of the rules”, and that “presidents...shall consider the views of students and employees as appropriate in adopting rules concerning smoking on campus”.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION  
REGARDING THE SJSU SMOKING POLICY**

- Whereas;** SJSU is invested in providing students and employees with a safe and healthy educational and work environment, and
- Whereas;** the dangers of second-hand smoke have been well documented by the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Surgeon General, and numerous scientific bodies; and
- Whereas;** 84% of respondents to a 2011 survey of SJSU faculty, staff, and students (n=2,323) indicated that they are “bothered by secondhand smoke on campus”, 83% indicated support for a smoke-free campus, and 91% indicated support for a designated smoking areas campus; and
- Whereas;** broad campus consultation is needed to determine the best approaches to encouraging healthy practices; therefore be it
- Resolved;** that the Academic Senate strongly encourage the President, in consultation with stakeholders, to promote campus procedures and/or

policies that support healthy practices and protect campus members and visitors from the dangers of second-hand smoke; and be it further

**Resolved;** that SJSU's investment in protecting and improving the health of its students and employees include both the provision of information about health risks associated with smoking, and the availability of resources to support smoking cessation efforts for all members of the campus community who wish to stop smoking.

**Fiscal impact:** Unknown costs associated with new signage and modification of written materials. County grant monies are available for signage, education, and cessation efforts.

**Workload:** No apparent increase in workload.