

Smoke Free Campus Resolution

A Resolution Calling for the University of Alabama to Become a Smoke-Free Campus

Whereas, the dangers of tobacco use have been well documented by the United States Surgeon General since 1964;

further, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has designated environmental tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen,

Whereas, in the United States of America tobacco use is responsible for about one in five deaths annually (i.e., about 443,000 deaths per year, and an estimated 49,000 of these tobacco-related deaths are the result of secondhand smoke exposure),

Whereas, in the state of Alabama 7,400 adults die each year from their own smoking, 174,000 youth currently under 18 will ultimately die prematurely from smoking, and between 440 adults and 1,240 children and babies die each year from others' smoking (secondhand smoke and pregnancy smoking).

Whereas, environmental tobacco smoke is known to trigger asthma, allergies, and other critical respiratory problems in individuals,

Whereas, according to the Center for Disease Control, Alabama has the 8th highest adult smoking prevalence rate in the nation,

Whereas, students, staff, faculty and guests should be able to walk through campus and enter their respective buildings free of exposure to tobacco smoke,

Whereas, tobacco smoke outside of campus buildings can be drawn in through ventilation intakes, in-window air conditioners, and/or open doors and windows,

Whereas, smoking remnants litter campus building entrances and increases the amount of time and labor spent cleaning,

Whereas, to date 467 colleges and universities, including peer institutions have become smoke-free campuses,

Whereas, The University of Alabama is setting a precedent for the colleges and universities in the state of Alabama by promoting individual and community health and encouraging a healthier campus environment,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, The University of Alabama expresses a commitment to become a smoke-free campus,

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, The University of Alabama implements a strategy and plan to become a smoke-free campus, by May 1, 2013.

Passed by UA Faculty Senate
February 21, 2012