

Student Government Resolution 102.008
A Resolution Endorsing a Smoke Free Truman State University Campus

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The Board of Governors Policy 12.030 (1995) on Tobacco Restrictions currently states, “The use of tobacco in buildings and vehicles owned or controlled by the university is prohibited, except as specifically permitted in this section;” and
- Smoking is currently permitted in outdoor common spaces at Truman State University; and
- The Residence Life Policy on Tobacco Restrictions currently states, “Students who wish to smoke must go outside and be at least 10 feet from the building to smoke to avoid disturbing residents with odors or fumes. Students are asked to respect the living spaces located near where they may wish to smoke, and move to another location if the smoke bothers residents in the building;” and
- The following Missouri college campuses have passed 100% smoke-free policies: A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, Cox College, Fontbonne University, Kansas City Univ. of Medicine & Biosciences, North Central Missouri College, Northwest Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College, State Fair Community College, Washington University, Westminster College; and
- The following Missouri college campuses have passed and are phasing in 100% smoke-free policies: Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri –St. Louis, University of Missouri-Columbia; and
- The following Missouri college campuses are working to pass 100% smoke-free policies: Lincoln University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Missouri Western State University, Moberly Area Community College, St. Louis University, University of Central Missouri; and
- A student forum was held on October 7, 2009 to discuss current smoking policies on campus in which approximately 110 students were in attendance and 87 feedback forms were submitted. Of those 87 feedback forms 57 were in support of an all-campus smoking ban, 26 were against, and 4 were indifferent; and
- In a Survey on Tobacco conducted January 20-25, 2010, 27% (1,469/5,471) of students responded; and
- 65% of respondents reported that they frequently or occasionally notice secondhand smoke around the entrances of campus buildings; and
- 33% of students have asthma, respiratory issues, or allergies affected by breathing in secondhand smoke; and
- 77% of students want some form of smoke-free policy
 - 36.8% favor a 100% smoke-free campus
 - 13.1% favor one designated smoking area
 - 27.1% favor several designated smoking areas; and

- Truman State University’s duty is to “provide a physical environment and support services that will help members of the university achieve their educational goals and enhance their social and physical development”¹; and
- Quadrant three of the Truman State University CoCurricular Planning Map involves activities that “help to ensure that we maintain a healthy balance and develop lifelong habits of personal well-being”²; and
- Truman State University’s Benefits Committee passed a resolution unanimously recommending “that effective August 1, 2010 smoking be prohibited on University owned or leased property within one hundred (100) feet of building entrances, exits, open windows, and fresh air intake systems;” and
- The Student Senate passed a resolution in support of a smoke free campus on February, 28, 2010; and
- The Staff Council passed a resolution in support of a smoke free campus on March 23, 2010; and
- The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in support of a smoke free campus on March 25, 2010; and
- Smoking contributes to institutional costs in multiple ways including cleaning and maintenance costs and costs associated with employee absenteeism, healthcare, and medical insurance; and
- The success of any smoking policy relies on the cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers; and
- Reducing smoking in areas around public building entryways, doors and public/campus common areas will both reduce the exposure of all individuals to harmful secondhand tobacco smoke and reduce exposure of all campus faculty, staff, students, and visitors to common and casual tobacco use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the implementation of designated smoking areas beginning in Spring 2011; and
- Recommends that signs be placed in appropriate places informing students, faculty, staff, and visitors of designated tobacco use and non-use areas; and
- Recommends that the university pursue the goal of becoming smoke free by August 1, 2012; and
- Supports programs designed to better the health of students including but not limited to cessation classes.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- The Health Director of the Student Government work with Campus Planning and related offices in the assignment of signage and creation of designated smoking areas; and
- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to the Board of Governors, President Troy Paino, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, VPAA/Provost Richard Coughlin, Residence Life, and the Truman Media Network.

¹ Retrieved from <http://www.truman.edu/pages/154.asp> September 25, 2009.

² Retrieved from http://cocurricular.truman.edu/planning_map/quadrants.htm September 25, 2009.

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