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REC-2-F16 A bill recommending that the administration adopt a policy making John Carroll University a tobacco free campus.

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Whereas, the current University policy does not forbid the use of tobacco on campus, and

Whereas, John Carroll University should strive to foster a healthy, inviting, and productive environment for students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors, volunteers, and

Whereas, tobacco use negatively affects the entire community and compromises the University's investment in preventative health, and

Whereas, 93% of students reported not using cigarettes in the last 30 days and 96% of students reported not using smokeless tobacco in the last 30 days, and

Whereas, the Ohio Board of Regents recently passed a resolution encouraging institutions to become tobacco-free and,

Whereas, higher education institutions that are tobacco free include Miami University, The Ohio State University, Cleveland State University, Ohio University, Ohio Dominican University, Notre Dame College of Ohio, the University of Kentucky, West Virginia University, Baldwin-Wallace University, Loyola University New Orleans, Saint Louis University, Ohio Northern University, Heidelberg University, and Wilmington University, and

Whereas, college students are at particular risk for tobacco addiction and reducing tobacco use on campus can decrease later tobacco use and its consequences among adults, and

Whereas, in addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking, and other tobacco use contribute to University costs associated with absenteeism, health care, medical insurance, fire damage, cleaning, and maintenance costs, and

Whereas, The American Lung Association estimates that every year in the U.S., more than 480,000 people die from tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, making it the leading cause of preventable death in this country, and

Whereas, the Surgeon General has found that there is no safe level of second hand smoke and thus, the continuation of the current policy undermines the University's commitment to foster a healthy environment, and

Whereas, the enforcement of this policy should focus on displaying signage, educating the community about the policy, and promoting smoking cessation resources, and

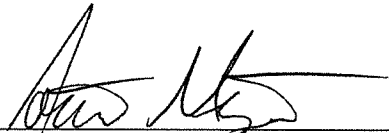
Whereas, all members of the community will share the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the policy, including the responsibility for bringing it to the attention of visitors and guests, and

Noting, that according to Article II, Section 3 of the Student Union Constitution, "The Student Union Senate shall be the only organization which can represent the entire student body at John Carroll University."

Therefore, be it resolved, on behalf of the entire student body, the Student Union Senate recommends that the administration adopt a policy making John Carroll University a tobacco free campus, meaning that no tobacco use will be allowed on any JCU owned, operated, and leased property, nor will the University advertise or allow tobacco to be sold.



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