



Addressing the Issue of Smoking on the UT Tyler Campus

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The Student Government Association of the University of Texas at Tyler,

RECOGNIZING that the University of Texas at Tyler's current smoking policy is difficult to enforce and frequently not followed,

NOTING FURTHER that the current policy has received frequent complaints and creates a harmful environment around campus for students, faculty and staff,

REALIZING, that the current smoking policy is a broken system and that the need for a better, more enforceable policy is in best interests of the health of the students, faculty and staff,

RECOMMENDING, that the University administration make the following changes to the current smoking policy in order to better the University of Texas at Tyler Campus,

CALLS for the campus policy to be changed to ban smoking on all University property with the exception of parking lots that will be used as designated smoking areas;

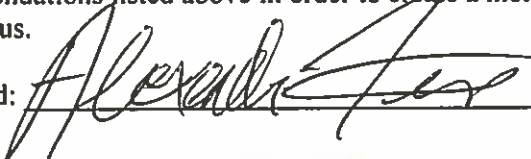
ENCOURAGES the University to place signs on the outside of all buildings and in building lobbies to remind the community that smoking is not allowed indoors, and only allowed in parking lot areas;

EMPHASIZES that the University of Texas at Tyler is an institution of learning and that the administration should expand wellness and cessation programs in an affordable way to faculty, staff and students;

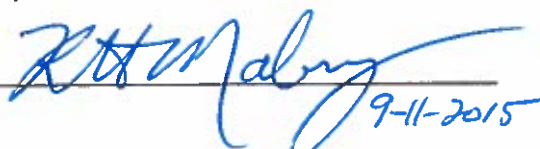
REQUESTS that the University community be reminded that electronic cigarettes and tobacco products are already included in our campus policy and that faculty should prohibit the use of these products in their classroom;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the new policy be examined after a period of two years from the implementation date to determine the effectiveness of the cessation programs and if any further steps are necessary;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government Association is in favor of expanding the current smoking policy to include the recommendations listed above in order to create a more enforceable policy that will help alleviate the problem of smoking on campus.

Signed: 

President, Student Government Association of the University of Texas at Tyler

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