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Referred to: External Affairs Committee

Committee Rec: **Approved on 3/18/15 (6-0-0)**

Senate Action: **Approved on 3/30/15 (18-1-0)**

Title: **CSUN Smoke-Free Policy**

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (A.S.) is the official voice of over 40,000 students at California State University, Northridge; and
2. WHEREAS: A.S. is the primary advocate for students at CSUN and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment; and
3. WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, the workplace and public places, including schools, are major sources of secondhand smoke exposure for adults; and secondhand smoke in these places has been linked to an increased risk for heart disease and lung cancer among adult non-smokers; and
4. WHEREAS: Over 135 million cigarette butts are dumped in the United States each year, at least one tree is used for every 300 cigarettes, and the State of California spends \$41 million annually to rehabilitate the harmful environmental effects caused by smoking; and
5. WHEREAS: The California Indoor Clean Air Act of 1976 declares tobacco smoke as a health hazard for the general public; and
6. WHEREAS: According to the California Department of Health, 14% of California youth are avid smokers; and

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7. WHEREAS: As of January 1, 2015, there are at least 1,514 completely smoke-free campuses in the United States of America; and
8. WHEREAS: The University of California system has enacted strict, 100% tobacco-free ban on all 10 of its campuses; and
9. WHEREAS: In the 23-tier California State University system, Fullerton, San Diego, and Sonoma are the only 3 campuses who have also adopted a strict, 100% tobacco-free policy; and
10. WHEREAS: CSUN, being one of the most innovative and forward-thinking campuses in the CSU system, strives to promote social growth and proactive change in a facet of ways, including the public health of its students; and
11. WHEREAS: A.S. recognizes and acknowledges the students who participated in the 2014 elections survey question regarding the smoking policy on campus; and
12. WHEREAS: Twenty-four percent (24.46%) voted for a “complete ban of tobacco products, such as chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, dissolvable tobacco, etc.,” nineteen percent (19.35%) voted for a “complete ban of smoking products,” eighteen percent (18.48%) voted for “increasing no smoking zones”; and
13. WHEREAS: The CSUN administration has decided to implement a 100% smoke-free policy by Fall 2015; and therefore let it be
1. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. is in full support of the administration’s decision to implement a strict ban on smoking on campus; and let it be further
2. RESOLVED: That the university allocates the appropriate resources to provide the necessary signage and promotion to ensure awareness amongst the campus community and to effectively enforce the smoking policy; and let it be further
3. RESOLVED: The A.S. Program Advisor and Coordinator for Student Leadership will ensure awareness of CSUN’s anti-smoking policy by collaborating with the Addie Klotz Student Health Center during the annual A.S. Earth Fair

through a booth that educates the campus about the detrimental impacts smoking has on the environment, personal health, as well as encouraging students to stop smoking; and let it be further

4. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students Inc. requests that Chancellor White continue to take the necessary steps to modify the CSU system policy to create a smoke-free university system, including all facilities; and let it be further
5. RESOLVED: That this resolution goes into effect on Earth Day 2015, which falls on April 22nd; and let it be finally
6. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:
- President Barack Obama
 - CSU Board of Trustees
 - Dr. Timothy White, Chancellor, CSU System
 - Dr. Dianne Harrison, President, CSUN
 - All CSU Campus Presidents
 - Addie Klotz Student Health Center
 - A.S. Productions
 - The Sundial
 - CSUN Today

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