

SA1516-038: Resolution to Enforce UW-L's Smoking Policy

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WHEREAS; The Surgeon General of the United States has found that there is no safe exposure level of secondhand smoke as it can lead to disease and even death;

WHEREAS; the Center for Disease Control has found that secondhand smoke can trigger severe asthma attacks;

WHEREAS; the current campus policy on smoking is ineffective;

WHEREAS; as specified in UWS 18.08(11)(a)&(b), individuals are not permitted to smoke within 25 feet of a residence hall's entrance;

WHEREAS; the campus policy and Wisconsin law are often ignored by individuals and their actions pose profound health risks to those who have no choice but to weather the smoke;

WHEREAS; administrators, faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors have the right to breathe clean air;

WHEREAS; the current policies and laws need to be enforced for the betterment of all.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Student Association of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse supports a new campus policy to be implemented on July 1st, 2016 that grants campus police officers and residence hall directors the authority to issue \$5 citations to any individual smoking within 25 feet of a residence hall's entrance.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: All revenue raised from the previously mentioned citations shall be directly applied to the UW-L Wellness Coordinator's budget and allocated for tobacco education as well as providing free resources to any administrator, faculty, staff, or student seeking to quit tobacco use.

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