



Senate Bill: 2011-12-10
Date: December 6, 2011
Authored by: Senator William Ryder, Business & Economics II
Referred to: External Affairs
Subject: California State University, Northridge Smoking Policy

- 1) WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the official voice of students of California State University, Northridge; and
- 2) WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning focused campus environment; and
- 3) WHEREAS: The current 2011-12 smoking policy of California State University, Northridge prohibits smoking in all university buildings, including outdoor areas enclosed by walls of a building; and
- 4) WHEREAS: Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of entrances, exits, operable windows, and ground level air intake structures in compliance with California Assembly Bill 846 as well as state/university owned vehicles with enclosable driver/passenger compartments in compliance with California Assembly Bill 291; and
- 5) WHEREAS: Smoking is prohibited within stadium seating areas, tennis courts, recreational facilities, as well as outdoor dining areas; and
- 6) WHEREAS: The University Corporation has banned the sale of tobacco products on campus while the Office of Human Resource Services and the Student Health Center have implemented programs to assist faculty, staff, and students who seek assistance in overcoming tobacco dependency; and

- 7) WHEREAS: California State University, Northridge further promotes a healthy lifestyle through its College of Health and Human Development, Wellness Center, Student Recreation Center, healthy food choices at campus eateries, health awareness events, as well as various clubs and organizations; and
- 8) WHEREAS: Campuses Organized and United for Good Health (hereafter, "COUGH") has actively campaigned for a 100% smoke-free policy through the use of presentations, organizational literature, a proposed resolution, and their parent organizations (California Youth Advocacy Network; a subsidiary of PHFE, Inc.) by demonstrating the dangers of smoking as well as examples of smoke-free campuses; then let it be
- 1) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students supports the current California State University, Northridge smoking policy as it stands; and let it be further
- 2) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students opposes any changes to the smoking policy where reasoning for alteration lacks substantiated evidence relating specifically to the Northridge campus community; and let it be further
- 3) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students opposes any changes to the smoking policy where reasoning for alteration lacks financial data that accurately represents the increased costs of changes, including but not limited to signage, education, and enforcement; and let it be further
- 4) RESOLVED: That while the Associated Students firmly supports organizations in their promotion of good health, the Associated Students does not support further restrictions of legal freedoms solely based on trends or movements without providing specific and substantial data of how those freedoms impede on others' freedom within California State University, Northridge; and let it be further
- 5) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students finds the current smoking policy effective in providing smoke-free access to both facilities and routes on campus based on an examination of state laws, campus geography, designated smoke-free areas, and policy rules; and let it be further
- 6) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students recognizes some members of the Northridge campus community may at times be in violation of the current smoking policy; and let it be further
- 7) RESOLVED: That intermittent or variable violations do not constitute a failed policy, but rather ineffective signage, notification, and or enforcement of the current policy; and let it be further
- 8) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students supports active education and enforcement of the current smoking policy and polite notice to those in violation as

well as further signage and enforcement in areas deemed problematic by valid complaint or evidential observation; and let it be further

9) RESOLVED: That the Associated Students adamantly urges smokers to exhibit common courtesy and consciously value their freedoms by respecting the freedoms of others to not breathe, smell, or experience secondhand smoke even in areas where smoking is permissible; and let it be further

10) RESOLVED: That the success of the California State University, Northridge smoking policy is derived from common courtesy in conjunction with substantiated campus needs, reasonable regulations, effective education, active enforcement, as well as the conscious and polite participation of all parties involved; and let it be finally

11) RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:

- Dr. Charles Reed, Chancellor, California State University
- Dr. Jolene Koester, President, California State University, Northridge
- Vice Presidents, California State University, Northridge
- Associated Students, Environmental Affairs Committee
- Academic Senate, California State University, Northridge
- Members, California State Student Association
- Members, United States Student Association
- The American College Personnel Association
- The Association of American Colleges and Universities
- John Hopkins University Student Government Association
- The CSU Board of Trustees
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