

Faculty Senate Resolution 11-09

“Resolution to Declare the Campus to be Tobacco-Free/Smoke-Free and to Establish a Task Force for this Purpose”

Sponsored by Senator Michael Russo, Senator Stephanie Braunstein, Dr. Judith L. Sylvester, General Librarian JoAnn Henson, and the Student Health Center Administration

Whereas, the Surgeon General of the United States, in 1964, clearly established a direct link between cigarette smoking and its harmful effects on human health; and

Whereas, twenty-nine Surgeon General’s reports since 1964 have confirmed and strengthened the Surgeon General’s original conclusion; and

Whereas, according to the Surgeon General, cigarettes kill one thousand people every day in the United States; and

Whereas, the Surgeon General’s report of 2006 concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to second-hand smoke; and

Whereas, the Surgeon General’s report of 2010 validates and enlarges the conclusion of the 2006 report by detailing the mechanisms by which the toxins in cigarette smoke act against the body’s systems, and

Whereas, the Surgeon General’s 2010 report identifies and explains the *immediate* cardio-vascular effects of exposure to even a small amount of tobacco smoke, and

Whereas, the 1986 report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General on the health consequences of using smokeless tobacco declares that smokeless tobacco “is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes,” and

Whereas, the Surgeon General’s 1994 report on preventing tobacco use among young people concluded that “Adolescent smokeless tobacco users are more likely than nonusers to become cigarette smokers,” and

Whereas, approximately 500 college and university campuses in the United States are now 100% tobacco-free, including the University of Florida (Gainesville), the University of Kentucky

(Lexington), the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville), and the University of South Carolina (Upstate); and

Whereas, in Louisiana, the Louisiana University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Nicholls State University, Our Lady of the Lake College, and Louisiana Delta College are 100% tobacco-free;

Therefore, be it resolved that the campus of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College shall be declared tobacco-free and smoke-free; and

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College calls upon the university administration to establish a task force to make ours a tobacco-free/smoke-free campus by the beginning of the 2012/2013 academic year.