

Student Senate for California Community

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F15 | 18: SSCCC Smoke Free & Tobacco Free Campuses

SSCCC Black Caucus of the California Community Colleges, Marlene Hurd, Merritt College & Diona Shelbourne, Los Medanos College

Whereas, in the United States of America tobacco use is responsible for about one in five deaths annually (i.e., about 443,000 deaths per year, and an estimated 49,000 of these tobacco-related deaths are the result of secondhand smoke exposure); and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency has designated secondhand smoke to be a Group A carcinogen, where there is sufficient evidence that the substance causes cancer in humans and the Surgeon General has established that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure to people with and without medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, and other chronic illness experience worsening health outcomes as a result of smoke exposure³; and

Whereas, tobacco smoke outside of campus buildings can be drawn in through ventilation intakes and/or open doors and windows, and students, staff, faculty

and guests should be able to walk through campus and enter their respective ²

buildings free of exposure to tobacco smoke. To date 1,577 colleges and universities in the United States alone have become tobacco or smokefree

campuses; and 100% smokefree campus policies have been shown to be an effective intervention in reducing tobacco use among college students⁶; smoking remnants litter campus building entrances and increases the amount of time, labor and costs spent cleaning and,

Whereas, this tobaccofree policy also applies to the use of ecigarettes and other aerosolized nicotine or tobacco products also known as “electronic nicotine delivery systems or ENDS”. “In extensive, the American Lung Association called on the Obama Administration to finalize this regulation so that all tobacco products, including ecigarettes, can be subject to basic FDA oversight”.

Resolved that Student Senate of the California Community Colleges (hereinafter referred to as SSCCC) endorse that all California Community Colleges to adopt 100% smoke and tobaccofree policies for all its campuses. "TobaccoFree" is defined as the the use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, Snus, and other tobacco products.

Resolved, that this tobaccofree policy also applies to the use of ecigarettes and other aerosolized nicotine or tobacco products.

Resolved, that SSCCC advocates that smoking cessation programs be widely available to students, staff, and faculty. The issue of implementation and enforcement should be addressed at the local community college level with respect and concern for student financial wellbeing.

Resolved, that all students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility for adhering to and making this policy successful.

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