

# UNIVERSITY SENATE *of* LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

## MEASURE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

### Resolution Calling for Loyola University Chicago to Re-Examine Its Tobacco Use Policy

**Whereas**, the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as SGLC, passed a resolution recommending that the Office of the President of Loyola University Chicago create a representative committee to design an equitable and effective tobacco-free policy (Attachment 1), and

**Whereas**, the SGLC extensively cited research on the negative health and environmental impacts of tobacco use, including but not limited to addiction, respiratory illnesses associated with breathing secondhand smoke, and cigarette butt pollution, and

**Whereas**, the SGLC conducted two surveys available to the Loyola University Chicago, hereafter referred to as LUC, undergraduate community via LUC email:

1. On the *Spring Elections Ballot (2016)*, SGLC placed a question on the ballot asking, “Should the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore and Watertower Campuses be made smoke-free?” Exactly 3109 undergraduate students responded to this question; of these responses, 63.8% were in favor.
2. On the *SGLC Survey (2017)*, SGLC asked undergraduate students, “A tobacco-free campus would mean that students, faculty, and staff would no longer be allowed to use tobacco products anywhere on the Lake Shore Campus property. These products include: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, dip, chew, and any product containing tobacco. Electronic smoking devices such as vapes and juuls that do not contain tobacco will not be prohibited. Would you be in support of Loyola’s Lakeshore Campus being a tobacco-free campus?” Exactly 730 undergraduate students responded to this question; of these responses, 71% were in favor, and

**Whereas**, a new study conducted by *American Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation (2019)*<sup>1</sup> reports that, “There are now at least 2,342 100% smoke-free campus sites. Of these, 1,975 are also 100% tobacco-free, 1,945 also prohibit e-cigarette use, 986 also prohibit hookah use, and 435 also prohibit smoking/vaping marijuana,” and

**Whereas**, a review of LUC’s peer institutions shows that several have banned tobacco use on campus (Attachment 2), including, but not limited to the fellow Jesuit institutions of University of San Francisco, Creighton University, Santa Clara University, Marquette University, and Loyola University New Orleans, and

**Whereas**, LUC’s current non-smoking policy<sup>2</sup> is outlined on the LUC Human Resources website and within the *Community Standards* as,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.luc.edu/hr/policies/policy\\_nonsmoking.shtml](https://www.luc.edu/hr/policies/policy_nonsmoking.shtml)

*“Loyola University Chicago, in compliance with the City of Chicago Ordinance No. 7-32 has adopted a non-smoking policy effective January 18, 2006. This ordinance states that no one may smoke within 15 feet of any entrance to a building designated as a non-smoking building. Therefore, in connection with the ordinance which regulates smoking, the University’s goal is to provide a smoke-free environment,”* and

**Whereas,** LUC’s current non-smoking policy is vague and does not specify which smoking devices and tobacco products it applies, and

**Be It Resolved,** the University Senate of Loyola University Chicago, hereafter referred to as University Senate, endorse the *Tobacco-Free Policy Committee Creation Resolution* passed by the SGLC, and

**Be It Resolved,** the University Senate recommends the LUC Human Resources Department distribute an online survey to all staff and faculty to examine support for a tobacco-free lakeshore campus, and

**Be It Resolved,** the University Senate recommends that the Office of the President form a working group, no later than the end of the September 2019, to examine the possibility of a tobacco-free policy on the LUC Lakeshore campus and expand upon the current non-smoking policy detailed in the *Community Standards*, and

**Be It Resolved,** the working group should be composed of representatives from relevant stakeholders including but not limited to:

- Students, including at least one SGLC member
- Faculty, including at least one Faculty Council member
- Staff, including at least one Staff Council member
- Tobacco Users
- Human Resources
- Campus Safety
- Wellness Center
- Facilities
- Student Affairs
- Enrollment Management
- University Senate

**Be It Resolved,** the working group should lead with the purpose of re-examining the existing tobacco policy and recommending changes to the policy that reflect the university’s mission and take into account:

- Student attitudes
- Staff attitudes
- Faculty attitudes
- The Student Promise
- Application to specific products, including electronic devices
- Application in different physical and cultural contexts of LUC’s various campuses
- Implications with respect to addiction and resources available to support tobacco use cessation
- Implications for enforcement

- The environmental impact of cigarette butt pollution and implications for facilities and grounds maintenance
- Savings and costs associated with changes to the tobacco use policy

**Be It Resolved**, the working group detailed above should submit a compilation of its findings, as well as a recommendation on how to proceed with a tobacco-free policy on the lakeshore campus to the President of LUC by the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Signed by the Chairperson of the University Senate



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Chiefly Sponsored by:

Student Development and Success Committee of the University Senate

Motion on the resolution presented on April 26, 2019

Vote: 18 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions.

Resolution PASSED