



Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council

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77LCR05 – Tobacco-Free Campus

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A Resolution to Support CU-Boulder Becoming a 100% Tobacco-free Campus

Resolution History

Currently campus policy prohibits smoking in any campus-owned buildings, the seating areas of Folsom Stadium, and the Mary Rippon Theatre.¹ Smoking outside of buildings is permitted so long as individuals are far enough away from doorways and ventilation systems. Specifically for residence halls, smoking is only permitted 25 feet away from the entrances and windows of the building.

¹ "Smoking Policy." *Campus Policies Administration & Finance*. University of Colorado Boulder. 2012. Web. 27 Nov. 2012.

In 2007, Regent Carrigan suggested that the University ban smoking across the entire CU-system.² At Regent Carrigan's suggestion, each of the campus considered the matter and a campus-wide smoking ban was adopted at CU's Anschutz Medical Campus.

In December 2008 under the direction of Chancellor DiStefano, a Task Force on Smoking and Tobacco was convened to evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits in adopting different policies related to tobacco use on the CU-Boulder campus. This group, which included faculty, staff, and students, recommended a 100% tobacco-free policy.³ The most important consideration in this decision was the health of non-smokers, however, they also found an economic benefit to adopting a tobacco-free policy. Facilities Management has a partial FTE dedicated to cleaning up litter and disposing of ash cans on campus.

Resolution Summary

The University of Colorado Boulder Legislative Council supports a 100% tobacco-free policy for the entire campus to be introduced in the academic year 2012-2013 including a two-year implementation timeline.

Whereas, there are pernicious health effects to any person who has contact with tobacco;

Whereas, the Surgeon General avers, "there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke."⁴;

Whereas, approximately 85% of the worldwide tobacco production comes from the global south, where tobacco child labor is a major problem⁵;

Whereas, cigarette smoking costs the nation \$96 billion USD in direct medical costs and \$97 billion USD in lost productivity annually⁶;

² *Spring 2009 Campus Task Force on Smoking and Tobacco*. Rep. Boulder: University of Colorado, Boulder, 2009.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2012.

⁵ Palitza, Kristin. "Child Labour: The Tobacco Industry's Smoking Gun." *The Guardian*. Guardian News and Media, 14 Sept. 2011. Web. 27 Nov. 2012. <<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2011/sep/14/malawi-child-labour-tobacco-industry>>.

⁶ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *op.cit.*

Whereas, the campus' aesthetic is diminished with cigarette and other tobacco product littering and ash trays;

Whereas, 21.3% of students used tobacco in a 30day period⁷;

Whereas, 6.5% of students are every-day smokers⁸;

Whereas, the University is a leader in healthcare and has a fundamental interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, employees, and visitors;

Whereas, there are 608 U.S. college and university campuses that have a 100% tobacco-free policy⁹;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government, THAT:

Section 1: The Student Government hereby supports a 100% tobacco-free policy.

Section 2: University governance regarding the creation and implementation of this policy shall be respected and the CU Student Government shall collaborate with other governing bodies to assist in the implementation and dissemination of information.

Section 3: Upon passage this resolution shall be distributed to University of Colorado Boulder administration, University of Colorado Board of Regents, Intercampus Student Forum, and local media.

Section 4: This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

⁷ American College Health Association. American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment II: University of Colorado Boulder Executive Summary Spring 2011. Linthicum, MD: American College Health Association; 2011.

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. "U.S. Colleges and Universities with Smokefree and Tobacco-Free Policies." 2012.

Vote Count

11/29/2012	Motion to approve – Call to question – Objection	
	Call to previous question (vote to vote)	0-15-2
11/29/2012	Move to amend to postpone 2 weeks – Call to question	
	– Objection – vote	11-5-2
	Final vote on postponement	6-10-2
11/29/2012	Passed on 1 st reading	10-5-3
11/29/2012	Postpone 2 nd reading to 78 th session	Acclamation
12/06/2012	Amended to add sponsors	Acclamation
12/06/2012	Failed on 2 nd reading	6-8-3

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