

Campus Health and Wellness Committee

REFERRED TO: Administrative and Professional Assembly, Student Government Association, University Senate, and the University Staff Council

FROM: **Campus Health and Wellness Committee**

RE: **Smoke-Free Campus**

DATE: 4.8.2011

A Resolution Calling for Auburn University to Become a Smoke-Free Campus

Whereas, the dangers of tobacco use have been well documented by the United States Surgeon General since 1964; further, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has designated environmental tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen,

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),

Whereas, environmental tobacco smoke is known to trigger asthma, allergies, and other critical respiratory problems in individuals,

Whereas, according to the Center for Disease Control Alabama has the 8th highest adult smoking prevalence rate in the nation,

Whereas, students, staff, faculty and guests should be able to walk through campus and enter their respective buildings free of exposure to tobacco smoke,

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

Whereas, smoking remnants litter campus building entrances and increases the amount of time and labor spent cleaning,

Whereas, to date 466 colleges and universities, including peer institutions have become smoke-free campuses,

Whereas, Auburn University is setting a precedent for the colleges and universities in the state of Alabama by promoting individual and community health and encouraging a healthier campus environment,

Whereas, in 2007 Auburn University students previously passed Student Senate Resolution 07.1022.01, calling for “university administrators to develop and execute a plan to alleviate areas of campus where non-smokers cannot avoid exposure to smoke...”

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Auburn University expresses a commitment to become a smoke-free campus,

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, Auburn University implements a strategy and plan to become a smoke-free campus, by August 1, 2012.