

**BILL TO:** Student Senate  
**FROM:** Joseph Cortopassi, At-Large  
**RE:** Auburn University Smoke-Free Campus Policy  
**DATE:** April 18, 2011  
**PSSR:** 11-0418-01

**Auburn University Smoke-Free Campus Policy**

**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,** according to the Center for Disease Control Alabama has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest adult smoking prevalence rate in the nation; 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 buildings free of exposure to tobacco smoke; and,

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** in a survey conducted by the Student Government Association 64 percent of 3724 students agreed that Auburn University administrators should enact a smoke-free policy on campus,

**THEREFORE,**

**LET IT BE**

**RESOLVED,** the Auburn University Student Government Association Senate approves the commitment to become a smoke-free campus in areas not including property leased to or by Auburn University.

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**FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** the Student Government Association Senate supports Auburn University to implement a strategy to become a smoke-free campus no earlier than August 1, 2012, and includes the Student Government Association Senate in its plans to create and enforce this policy.