(#04-04/05-SA)

Resolution Regarding the Humboldt State University Smoking Policy
#04-04/05-SA – October 12, 2004

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University commends the collaborative effort between the Office of the President and the Policies & Communications subcommittee from the Alcohol and Other Drug Committee on the development of the attached Humboldt State University Smoking Policy (Draft 6-30-04), and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends the adoption of the Policy as put forward by the working group, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University forward the Policy, with this recommendation, to the President for implementation.

RATIONALE: In the spring of 2003, following the recommendation of the Associated Students and with the support of other groups on campus, a working group was created to examine the current smoking policy and the potential for identifying designated smoking areas on campus. As a result of the work of that group, the Humboldt State University Smoking Policy identified here was developed, including the designation of specific smoking areas. The Humboldt State University Smoking Policy is in keeping with the federal, state and local laws and CSU policy and reflects the work of a group that included representatives of the various constituencies of the campus community. This policy reflects an attempt to balance the needs of smokers and non-smokers on our campus while maintaining smoke free indoor work and living environments. A major goal of this policy is to minimize and manage the exposure of non-smokers to second hand smoke.

APPROVED – October 12, 2004

(Attachment to Resolution #04-04/05-SA)

Humboldt State University
Smoking Policy *(Draft 6-30-04)*

RATIONALE

Humboldt State University is committed to providing a healthy environment for employees, students and visitors.

Widely published scientific data has demonstrated that smoking is harmful to the health of smokers. In addition, the Surgeon General reports that exposure to secondhand smoke can be a serious health hazard for nonsmokers.

The United States Surgeon General, in his 1996 report on involuntary smoking concluded:

- Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers, and
- The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same airspace may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has found:

- Secondhand smoke is a Group A carcinogen, a substance known to cause cancer in humans, and
- The EPA does not recognize a safe level of exposure to Group A carcinogens.

Apart from these health issues, secondhand smoke can be physically distressing to nonsmokers. Consequently, Humboldt State University, out of concern for the health, safety, and well-being of the members of the campus community, establishes the following policy.

POLICY

Humboldt State University will follow all federal, state, or local laws regarding smoking. This smoking policy is in addition to any such policies which may be in effect.

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and vehicles owned or operated by Humboldt State University and on campus property except in specific designated outside locations. The sale of smoking material is prohibited on any Humboldt State University properties.

Sponsorship of athletic, intramural, and other University events by tobacco companies or distributors is not allowed when those companies' advertisement of the tobacco products is required in return (e.g., tobacco logos on t-shirts, caps, banners, etc.). This policy does not preclude the underwriting of events by these companies.

The University will provide signage at each entrance to each University facility summarizing this policy and providing brief educational messages regarding the dangers of second-hand smoke. In addition, signage will be placed at the entrances to the University and its parking lots summarizing this policy.

The University will make available to employees and students, information about the effects of smoking and second-hand smoke and about smoking cessation programs, primarily through the

Employee Assistance Program, the Student Health Center, and Counseling & Psychological Services.
This policy relies on the consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers for its success. It is the responsibility of all members of the Campus community to observe this Smoking Policy.

Smoking on the Humboldt State University campus will only be permitted in private vehicles and specifically designated areas.

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Subject: Approval of Smoking Policy Resolution

Ken: Thanks to you and the Senate for your review of the University Smoking Policy (#04-04/05-SA). I am pleased to accept your recommendation and will ask that our colleagues in Vice President Coffey's unit move to begin implementation of the new policy. I am also asking with a copy of this message, that our Public Affairs group take steps to publicize the new policy and the locations of the designated smoking areas on campus.

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