Endorsement of a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

1  WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, hereafter UWM, supports a healthy living and learning environment.

2  WHEREAS, there is a necessity to provide a sense of safety and wellbeing of all individuals whom participate in all activities on campus.

3  WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States.\(^1\)

4  WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control identifies “there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure; even brief exposure can be harmful to health.”\(^3\)

5  WHEREAS, second hand smoke has taken the lives of 2,500,000 nonsmokers since 1964.\(^4\)

6  WHEREAS, The American College Health Association has adopted a NO TOBACCO USE policy and encourages colleges and universities to be diligent in their efforts to achieve a 100% indoor and outdoor campus-wide tobacco-free environment.

7  WHEREAS, UWM has been working towards implementing steps to become a smoke free campus since 2015, with the first step being to create ‘smoking shelters’ throughout UWM’s campus.

8  WHEREAS, the Physical Environment Committee, hereafter PEC, has found the cost of creating these smoking shelters would be fiscally irresponsible as a temporary step towards becoming a tobacco-free campus.

9  WHEREAS, the PEC has recommended that UWM moves straight into becoming a tobacco-free campus.

10 WHEREAS, the Student Association, hereafter SA, supports UWM being a tobacco-free campus, recognizing that sidewalks are city property and smokers would be able to utilize these areas to smoke.

11 WHEREAS, SA would like UWM to follow suit with other private and public universities such as Marquette, UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point, MATC, and UW-Eau Claire.

12 WHEREAS, The term “tobacco product” means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that are intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled,

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\(^3\)  [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/general_facts/#harm](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/general_facts/#harm)

\(^4\) ibid
snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means. Examples include but not limited to, cigarettes; cigars; little cigars; dry snuff, moist snuff/chewing tobacco; snus; dissolvable; hookah; and blunt wraps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; Student Association at UWM recommends UWM move to a tobacco-free campus to protect the health of the UWM community and to promote a healthy lifestyle.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; SA would like to see a tobacco free campus policy to take effect by September 4th, 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; recommends UWM form an ad-hoc working committee comprised of students (including at least one SA representative), faculty, staff, and administrators to determine the feasibility, reach, and details of the policy. This is including, but not limited to, working closely with the Campus PD to implement an enforcement policy that does not jeopardize any students academic success and is financially feasible for the students on this campus.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; SA recommends the ad-hoc working committee work closely with the Norris Health Center, the UWM LBGT Resource Center, and the SPARK program through the American Lung Association, to identify and provide resources for students, staff and faculty to quit smoking and manage addiction.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The tobacco-free policy must be accompanied with a robust marketing and signage campaign to inform students, faculty, staff, and members of the general public of this policy change.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; This resolution will be forwarded to the office of the Chancellor, the office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, the Chair of the Physical Environment Committee, the UWM Police Department Chief, the office of the Dean of Students, UWM Faculty Senate, UWM Academic Staff Senate, the Director of the Norris Health Center, and the Director of the UWM LGBT resource center.

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Legislative History

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