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To: Dr. Tim Hudson, Chancellor Arkansas State University

From: Jeffrey Pittman, Chair

Shared Governance Oversight Committee

Subject: Shared Governance Proposal - 14 FA 01 - Smoke Free Campus Policy



Shared Governance Oversight Committee Report

The ASU Building, Grounds, and Facilities Committee, an ASU institutional shared governance committee, has proposed a change in the ASU policy for smoking on campus. The proposed change follows on page 2 of this memorandum. (The proposal marked with changes from the existing policy follows on page 3.)

The Smoke Free Campus Policy has completed the shared governance oversight review process with a period of review, comments, and final votes on the proposal. The final vote totals follow.

The SGOC offers this proposal for your consideration.

14 FA 01 - Smoke Free Campus Policy - SGOC Voting Totals			
	Yes Votes	No Votes	Abstentions
Faculty Senate	20	8	
Staff Senate	17	6	4
Deans Council	9	0	
Chairs Council	14	4	
Student Government	32	1	
Association			
Graduate Student Council	6	8	

Constituency Group Comments

Faculty Senate – There is some concern banning vaping devices may be contrary to helping someone stop smoking. Also, there was concern expressed the policy language could be misinterpreted to ban the possession (and not just use) of smokeless tobacco.

Staff Senate - Electronic cigarettes have been successful in assisting individuals on their journey to stop smoking. A designated area for e-cig users will help them to continue their journey without violating the University policy.

14 FA 01 – Smoke-Free Campus Policy

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Compliance

It is the responsibility of all members of the ASU community and visitors to comply with the Clean Air on Campus Act and Jonesboro Operating Procedures. Violations will be dealt with in a manner that is consistent with the law and university procedures. There will be no reprisals against anyone reporting violations of the Act.

Enforcement of Clean Air on Campus Act and Jonesboro Operating Procedure

- 1. Anyone observed violating or suspected of being in violation of the Clean Air on Campus Act or Jonesboro Operating Procedure may initially be given a respectful verbal warning.
- 2. If university police determine that an offense has occurred, an officer will issue a written warning. This will allow the violator to review the Act and Operating Procedure and adhere to it them in the future. In addition to the written warning, if the violator is a faculty, staff, or student member of ASU, the violation will be reported to the employee's supervisor or to the Office of Student Conduct.
- 3. University police will issue a citation to District Court on the second or subsequent offense. In addition to the citation, if the violator is a faculty, staff, or student member of ASU, the violation will be reported to the employee's supervisor or to the Office of Student Conduct.

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