

LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 11-08

Smoke-Free Entrances

Introduced at the request of Luigi Marzilli with co-sponsorship from Joan King

Whereas the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report states that "Exposure to secondhand smoke causes excess deaths in the U.S. population from lung cancer and cardiac related illnesses; and

Whereas the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report also states that "Approximately 60 percent of nonsmokers in the United States have biologic evidence of exposure to secondhand smoke"; and

Whereas the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report also states that "Sidestream smoke (released by the smoldering cigarette), generated at lower temperatures and under somewhat different combustion conditions than mainstream smoke, tends to have higher concentrations of many of the toxins found in cigarette smoke (USDHHS 1986)"; and

Whereas there is a national trend to minimize exposure to smoke on university and college campuses; and

Whereas the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Office of State Buildings Facilities Manual from January 26, 2011 page 7 states that "Smoking shall be confined to "designated" exterior smoking areas at each facility" and "There is no smoking allowed within 30 feet of any entrance/exit door for all facilities"; and

Whereas there is an ordinance (#13349) adopted by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and City of Baton Rouge on August 10, 2005 which amends Title 12 (Nuisances), Chapter 9 entitled "Clean Air Act"; and

Whereas in the Clean Air Act in Section 12:602 entitled Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places part b.1. it states that "Smoking is prohibited in the following public places, whether or not in an enclosed area: (1) within twenty-five (25) feet of the entrance or exit to any public building or public facility occupied or operated by the City-Parish or any of its agencies";

Therefore be it resolved that PS-76 be revised in the following manner to minimize exposure to second hand smoke while entering and exiting buildings on the LSU A&M campus.

University Policy on Smoking

PS-76

REVISION as PROPOSED by LGM, 7 40pm March 28 2011

DATE to take effect: July 1 2011 (changes coded mostly in red font)

POLICY

It is the policy of Louisiana State University to provide its students, faculty, staff and other members of the University community **including children of all members of the community** with a tobacco smoke free environment within its facilities **and along pathways utilized by the community, especially before, between and after classes and**

during events scheduled to benefit the community. The University does not presently otherwise prohibit the smoking of tobacco by its students and employees and does not consider the use of tobacco products in employment decisions. However, this employment decision aspect of the policy is subject to change in view of the large number of peer institutions that have changed to or are considering changing to smoke free campuses.

Accordingly, except as otherwise provided by this policy and often by state law, smoking is prohibited within all covered University facilities. Persons choosing to smoke outside University buildings and other facilities should avoid exposing others to smoke. Therefore, no smoking is permitted within 30 feet of the entrance and exit areas of all buildings (including loading docks, etc.) and in any extended walkway.

1 Smoking in University residential buildings and food service areas shall be in accordance with state law. State law prohibits smoking within buildings with the few exceptions to the state law, such as bars, not common on our campus.

2 Smoking at special events open to the general public shall be in accordance with state law.

3 Requests for exemption to this policy shall be directed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, which will coordinate and monitor the review process with the Building Coordinator and others concerned for recommendation to the Office of the Chancellor for action. However, any exemption shall be in accordance with state law.

4 Smoking policies developed for exemptions to allow smoking in outdoor areas in accordance with Number Two and Three above shall address the following considerations:

a. Whether benefits to students, employees and visitors outweigh health, safety and environmental factors.

b. The specific area for which exception is to be made and appropriate signs for such designation.

c. Measures to protect the rights of non-smokers.

d. The time period for which the exception is requested.

e. No exception may be made which conflicts with PS-29, "Environmental Control in the Classroom" nor where smoking has been proscribed by the State Fire Marshal.

5. Smoking is prohibited in all University vehicles even if there is only one occupant.

Original Policy PS-76

University Policy on Smoking PS-76

POLICY

It is the policy of Louisiana State University to provide its students, faculty, staff and other members of the University community with a tobacco smoke free environment within its facilities; however, the University does not otherwise

prohibit the smoking of tobacco by its students and employees and does not discriminate against tobacco smokers in employment or conditions of employment.

Accordingly, except as otherwise provided by this policy, smoking is prohibited within all University facilities and vehicles. Persons choosing to smoke outside University buildings and other facilities should avoid the immediate entrance and exit areas of buildings to prevent subjecting others to second-hand tobacco smoke.

1. Smoking in University residential buildings and food service areas shall be in accordance with policies established by the administrative units responsible for such buildings and food services with the approval of the Office of the Chancellor. Where designated smoking areas are provided, such areas shall be clearly marked by signs.
2. Smoking at special events open to the general public shall be in accordance with policies established for those facilities for special events with the approval of the Office of the Chancellor. Examples include Tiger Stadium, the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, Pleasant Hall and similar facilities; however, other than during special events, smoking shall be prohibited in these facilities.
3. Requests for exemption to this policy shall be directed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, which will coordinate and monitor the review process with the Building Coordinator and others concerned for recommendation to the Office of the Chancellor for action.
4. Smoking policies developed in accordance with Number One and Number Two above and exemptions to it proposed in accordance with Number Three above shall address the following considerations:
 - a. Whether benefits to students, employees and visitors outweigh health, safety and environmental factors.
 - b. The specific area for which exception is to be made and appropriate signs for such designation.
 - c. Measures to protect the rights of non-smokers.
 - d. The time period for which the exception is requested.
 - e. No exception may be made which conflicts with PS-29, "Environmental Control in the Classroom" nor where smoking has been proscribed by the State Fire Marshal.
5. Smoking is prohibited in all University vehicles without the express consent of all occupants.