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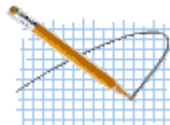
Campus Environment Committee members,
The attached press release that outlines a SUNY-wide proposal to ban smoking in all campus residences by fall semester 2007. It defers to local campus policy smoking bans in areas other than campus residences. Please scroll down to read the complete statement.

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Albany – SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan today directed the Office of University Life and the Student Life Committee of the SUNY Board of Trustees to develop an implementation plan to prohibit smoking in all residential facilities operated by and for SUNY, as of the beginning of the Fall 2007 semester.

SUNY’s State-operated residential facilities are currently 87 percent smoke-free. Only a limited number of campuses allow smoking in some of their dorms and residential facilities.

“We need to make this 100 percent,” Ryan told the Board of Trustees at its June 27, 2006, meeting. “Smoking is not only a health risk but also a safety risk as cigarettes serve ignition sources that result in fires. Our job is not just to educate students, but also to keep or start them on a path towards a healthy lifestyle.”

The plan, said Ryan, would be limited to residential facilities, while the remainder of the campus would be subject to the Clean Indoor Air Act, which prohibits smoking in public facilities, as well as local campus rules, which may restrict this activity further. SUNY will need to address certain campus concerns and implementation issues in order to help campuses and students in these regards.

During the legislative session, the State Senate and Assembly were considering a proposal to prohibit smoking in residential facilities at SUNY, CUNY and the private college campuses throughout New York State. Ryan encouraged the Board of Trustees to take the lead on this issue and ban smoking in all residential facilities operated for and by the State University. Under Ryan’s leadership, SUNY has implemented smoke-free policies in residential facilities at two colleges.

Many SUNY campuses currently prohibit smoking in their residence halls. Some instituted policies in the early 1990s, and others more recently followed suit. Last year, Upstate Medical Center became the first SUNY campus to go completely smoke-free.

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