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Subject Re: Draft Recommendation- University Senate: No Smoking

Policy

I appreciate all the support. Just want to be sure the "campus" at Syracuse is a hospital and medical school - it is not on a university campus.

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Subject: Draft Recommendation- University Senate: No Smoking Policy

Brent,

In your role as President of the University Senate, I ask that you please forward this message to the members of the University Senate Executive Committee. These recommendations are made in response to their request for reconsideration of our original recommendations on the Stony Brook University no smoking policy.

The attached recommendations propose a total ban on all smoking inside and outside of all campus buildings. It will directly impact all faculty, staff, students, patients, and other visitors to campus that smoke. These recommendations allow for a transition phase from the existing policy, to a reduction of designated smoking areas on campus, to an ultimate ban of all smoking within a period of no more than three years. This interim period is only to announce the policy and provide an opportunity for public education and smoking abatement for individuals. This time frame parallels that given to passengers before the airline industry went smoke free, as followed by a number of hotel chains.

This policy recommendation follows the total ban on smoking that was implemented by SUNY Upstate Medical University in 2005. As reflected in the attached press release, there was strong campus-wide support for this policy change including that from the unions. A copy of the Upstate policy is attached for review. Paralleling our own efforts Dr. Thomas Biancanello of the Stony Brook Medical Center recently forwarded Upstate's policy to President Kenny and other senior managers on campus, also proposing a total smoking ban on campus.

This recommendation and justification supports the significant role the university has in promoting employee and student wellness, and health care cost containment. It also addresses related environmental concerns over smoking-related littering. The university should no longer be in a compromised position of being both an advocate for good health, while at the same time tolerating unhealthy smoking behavior.

Please let me know if you have comments or concerns.

Bill Dethlefs, Chair Campus Environment Committee

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