A Resolution of the Professional Staff Association Senate

In a regular meeting, November 2, 2005

WHEREAS: The Professional Staff Association Senate is concerned about the health consequences and academic impact of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke, and

WHEREAS: The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Seattle, WA) and the Boise State Center for Health Policy administered scientifically valid survey instruments and reported statistically significant responses from BSU students (n = 940) and faculty/staff (n = 823), and

WHEREAS: Over 25% of Boise State students are bothered by cigarette smoke daily on campus, with over 50% bothered at least weekly, and

WHEREAS: 86% of Boise State students (92% of faculty, 87% of staff) agree that universities should provide a smoke-free environment for students, and

WHEREAS: 92.3% of Boise State students agree that the desire to breathe clean air should take precedent over smoker’s desire to smoke, and

WHEREAS: Non-smokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke have a 20% increase risk of heart disease, and secondhand smoke causes about 3000 lung cancer deaths per year and 35,000 ischemic heart disease deaths in U.S. nonsmokers, and

WHEREAS: Smokers are absent from work 50% more often than nonsmokers, therefore,

Be it Resolved: The Professional Staff Association respectfully requests Boise State University designate specific smoking-allowed zones on campus, with all remaining campus facilities, grounds, and property declared entirely smokefree, effective fall semester 2007 and that in the interim the university conduct an extensive education campaign, determine appropriate compliance/enforcement policies and develop a collaborative and coordinated strategic implementation process with the neighboring community stakeholders. We also encourage investigating making campus entirely smoke free in the future.

TO BE DIRECTED TO: Dr. Robert Ku stra, President Boise State University
Dr. Sona Andrews, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mark Wheeler, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Approved in Senate by a vote of: Aye 6 Nay 0 Absent 2

Signed
Mike Esposito, President, Professional Staff Association

Dr. David Saunders, President Faculty Senate
Julie Clarkson, President Association of Classified Employees
Joe Holladay, President Associated Students of Boise State University