

FRESHMEN SENATE RESOLUTION #23

TITLE: University of Wyoming Smoke-Free Initiative

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1. WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Student Government of the Associated
2. Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) and the ASUW Freshman
3. Senate work towards the promotion and protection of public health and safety on
4. the campus of the University of Wyoming; and,
5. WHEREAS, second-hand smoke is proven to be hazardous to the health of others
6. because of its hundreds of toxins and many carcinogens; and,
7. WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), second-hand smoke
8. can cause cancer, asthma, heart disease, birth defects, strokes, and other diseases; and,
9. WHEREAS, according to the ACS, no level of second hand smoke exposure is safe;
10. and,
11. WHEREAS, 774 American college campuses have banned smoking as of July 2012
12. and the University of Wyoming should join the ranks of campuses improving public
13. health and safety for all on their campuses,
14. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following recommendations be made to the
15. University of Wyoming Board of Trustees outlined in Addendum A in support of a
16. smoke-free campus.

Addendum A

Policy

Recommendation 1

Smoking should be prohibited on all University of Wyoming owned facilities and grounds. All cigarette butt receptacles should be immediately removed from university facilities and grounds.

Enforcement

Recommendation 2

This policy should be enforced through peer, faculty, and staff supervision and support.

Recommendation 3

Residential Life and Dining Services, especially residence assistants, should enforce this smoke-free policy near residence halls and facilities, and the University of Wyoming Police Department (UWPD) should assist in enforcement campus-wide.

Recommendation 4

Any smoker refusing to extinguish and repeat offenders of this policy should be subject to disciplinary action—up to and including ticketing by UWPD.

Recommendation 5

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees should establish an entity to monitor campus facilities and grounds for environmental damage by discarded cigarette butts and tobacco material.

Communication

Recommendation 6

All students, faculty, and staff should be notified of this smoke-free policy via university email on WyoWeb. All persons should respectfully communicate and enforce this policy among one another. Signage should be placed on campus premises indicating that University of Wyoming facilities and grounds are smoke-free zones.

Recommendation 7

All students, faculty, and staff should be notified of smoking cessation services via university email on WyoWeb such as the Wyoming Quit Tobacco Program.