

FRESHMEN SENATE RESOLUTION #24

TITLE: University of Wyoming Smoking Regulations

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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, the right to smoke tobacco products without infringing others' right to
12. health and safety should be respected; and,
13. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming should find a compromise between the
14. allowance of smoking and the health and cleanliness of the air,
15. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following recommendations be made to the
16. University of Wyoming Board of Trustees outlined in Addendum A.

Addendum A

Policy

Recommendation 1

The University of Wyoming should build smoking shelters with cigarette butt receptacles in the following areas and permit smoking *only* in the approved shelters built:

- East and West ends of Prexy's Pasture
- Fraternity Mall
- Near university residence halls
- Near War Memorial Stadium and other university sports facilities
- Near Old Main and Aven Nelson Williams Conservatory
- Near University of Wyoming off-campus apartments

All current cigarette butt receptacles should be relocated to these shelters or removed completely.

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 found smoking outside the approved smoking shelters or in violation of this policy otherwise 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 except for the approved smoking shelters.

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.