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Staff Alliance

Motion 2014-02 Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Motion: “We, Staff Alliance, support a Smoke Free and Tobacco Free policy with limited designated smoking areas on university campuses.”

Rationale:

A systemwide solution to an issue with a wide variance of local preferences is not easy, and the voting of Staff Alliance members reflects these preferences across the system.

UAF survey results in a strong support for a tobacco free and smoke free campus, but with available designated smoking areas. Both UAF representatives were strongly in favor of this compromise proposal.

UAA’s smoke free initiative was driven by a Spring 2014 student referendum that called for a smoke free campus (no designated smoking areas) with one year for education and enforcement solutions. A majority of student voters approved. This fall, Chancellor Case asked staff and faculty to weigh in on the student referendum since they would be affected audiences. The resulting employee survey reported majority support for a smoke free campus. Based on those two metrics, the two Staff Alliance representatives from UAA voted in alignment with their campus attitude to date. Subsequently, a Fall 2014 student government resolution (dated Oct. 10) calls for designated smoking areas; staff and faculty have not yet been asked to weigh in on this new proposal.

Both UAS and SW have polled staff, and while there is strong support of smoke free and tobacco free campuses, there is also consistent interest in designated smoking areas. Although not working with the same data as UAF, SW and UAS staff representatives were comfortable supporting this compromise resolution as representing the will of staff on their campuses.

Voted on November 11, 2014

Voting members’ results as attested by LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance:

Yes: 5
No: 2
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1

Monique Musick
Monique Musick, Chair

Nov. 13, 2014
Date

For action by the President of the University of Alaska

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Modified: PK Gamble Date: 25 Nov 14

Disapproved: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Accepted, all but the
recommendation for designated
smoking areas:

- Too expensive to build all over campus
 - Not practical at -40°F
 - Clean up problem / cost. Thank you.
- PKG