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To: Ann Wylie
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From: Elise Miller-Hooks 
Chair, University Senate

Subject: Recommendations for Enforcement of Campus Smoking Policies
Proposal for a Tobacco-Free Campus (Senate Document#: 08-09-15)

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) charged the Campus Affairs Committee with reviewing the proposal entitled, "A Tobacco-Free Campus". The committee was charged with reviewing existing policies, speaking with the legal office about civil liberties and reviewing similar bans instated at other universities.

The Campus Affairs Committee reported back to the SEC at its meeting on April 6, 2010. They have determined that the campus should not implement a tobacco-free policy. However, they did note that increased anti-smoking education and stricter enforcement of the current UMCP smoking policy would be beneficial. Specifically, the committee suggests that the following steps be taken:

- Increase educational programs about the dangers of smoking and smoking cessation assistance.
- Strengthen publicity efforts and enforcement of the current smoking policy.
- Increase cigarette receptacles in areas where smoking is permitted.
- Target areas where violations are high (e.g. outside residence halls, McKeldin Mall, and near the Stamp Student Union) through the use of litter fines and additional cigarette receptacles.
- Increase the number of "No Smoking" signs around buildings.

The SEC would like to request that you consider the Campus Affairs Committee's recommendations. We would appreciate it if you could send us a report describing your actions regarding this request by May 1, 2011. Thank you for your attention to this request.