



## University Senate PROPOSAL FORM

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<b>Title of Proposal:</b>	Proposal for a revised campus policy on smoking
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<b>Description of issue/concern/policy in question:</b>	The University of Maryland was a leader when, in 1993, it adopted a campus policy about smoking. This action attracted attention from Newsweek magazine and other media. The current campus policy, despite being updated in 2000 and 2001, is no longer at the forefront of academic policies about smoking, and it is time for the campus to catch up with policies now adopted by over 500 other campuses around the country that have banned smoking on campus.
<b>Description of action/changes you would like to see implemented and why:</b>	I would like to see the University of Maryland adopt a policy that prohibits smoking of tobacco on campus. The current policy does not prevent involuntary contact with second-hand smoke, as smokers continue to smoke near building entrances, often ignoring the current policy. A complete ban on smoking on campus would have health benefits for all members of campus, might lower insurance rates, would create a cleaner campus, and put the campus closer to the forefront of policies already adopted by many other campuses around the country.
<b>Suggestions for how your proposal could be put into practice:</b>	A model policy is available at <a href="http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/modeluniversitypolicy.pdf">http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/modeluniversitypolicy.pdf</a>
<b>Additional Information:</b>	<p>The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of the USA reports (<a href="http://sites.nationalacademies.org/Tobacco/smokescreen/Tobacco_051296">http://sites.nationalacademies.org/Tobacco/smokescreen/Tobacco_051296</a>) that "More than 500 colleges and universities around the country currently ban smoking in some fashion."</p> <p>A peer institution that will institute a campus smoking ban in July 2011 is the University of Michigan. Nine campuses in the state of Maryland already have</p>

	<p>smoke-free policies (<a href="http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf">http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf</a>). Other notable campuses with no-smoking policies include the Stanford University Medical School, all 9 campuses in the Indiana University system, and the University of Missouri. Surely if all these other institutions have managed to implement policies such as the one I propose, it is not unreasonable to think that we can join their ranks.</p>
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