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Sean McCanty
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Dear Mr. McCanty,

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined the proposal entitled, "Proposal to Restrict Smoking on Campus 11-12-05" at its meeting on September 7, 2011.

The SEC carefully reviewed the proposal and discussed the similarity of the current proposal to the "Proposal for a Tobacco-Free Campus 08-09-15" reviewed by the Campus Affairs Committee in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. The Campus Affairs Committee recommended 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. The SEC supported the committee's recommendations and requested that Ann Wylie, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, take the following steps:

- 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.

Vice President Wylie responded by outlining the steps that the Office of Administrative Affairs had taken to implement those recommendations. In addition, she requested that the Campus Affairs Committee consider extending the "no smoking" area from 15 feet to 25 feet from every building. This extension would satisfy LEED Certification requirements and the Green Building Policy making each building entrance essentially "smoke free." The Campus Affairs Committee has recommended that the current policy be amended to reflect this extension, and the Senate will review this amendment at their meeting on September 21, 2011. You are welcome to attend that meeting in the Atrium of the Stamp Student Union. You may also track the progress of this legislation and view all relevant documentation by going to:

<http://www.senate.umd.edu/sms/index.cfm?event=publicViewBill&billId=69&context=s>

After careful consideration, The SEC agreed that the suggestions in your proposal bore enough similarity to recent work on this issue that an additional review was not warranted. Thank you for taking the time to craft a proposal for Senate consideration. Should you have any questions about the SEC's decision, please do not hesitate to contact, Reka Montfort at 301-405-5804.

Sincerely,



Eric Kasischke
Chair

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