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## **A Resolution on an Updated Tobacco Policy**

**Whereas,** The Student Government Association supports the rights of students to smoke but also seeks to protect the health of non-smoking students; and

**Whereas,** Under current law the University of Houston must update its tobacco policy to be in compliance with The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas' guidelines to receive grants funding cancer prevention and research (**\$703.20**); and

**Whereas,** The 48<sup>th</sup> Administration passed a bill to update the UH Tobacco Use Policy MAPP 07.02.02 and has not yet been implemented,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston** call upon the Tobacco Task Force authorized by Provost John Antel to consider the following:

1. Designate smoking area's on campus that are covered to accommodate those who smoke during inclement weather,
2. Moving current cigarette receptacles at least 25 feet away from the entrance and exit ways of buildings as well as making them more visible to smokers,
3. Erecting signs alerting students of a "Tobacco free-Zone" around CPRIT funded buildings, access ways, and parking lots.
4. Ensure that all receptacles are within a reasonable distance of all buildings and parking lots.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston** that the University calls upon New Student Orientation Programs to include information about the changing tobacco policy and encourage utilization of University Cessation services for tobacco users.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston** does not at this time advocate a campus-wide tobacco ban.

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