RESOLUTION 13/14/66

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WHEREAS, The Kansas State University Student Governing Association authorized a plebiscite vote regarding smoking on campus held in conjuncture with the 2013-2014 Student Governing Association General Election on March 5-6, 2013;

WHEREAS, 3,262 of the 3,847 (84.79 percent) voters were in favor of some form of further restrictions to the current policy, and 1,419 (36.89 percent) voters were in favor of a complete smoking ban on campus;

WHEREAS, 93.51 percent of voters stated that they did not smoke;

WHEREAS, National polls have shown that the number of smokers is declining;

WHEREAS, As of January 2, 2013, at least 1,129 college or university campuses in the United States have adopted 100 percent smoke-free campus policies that eliminate smoking both indoors and outdoors across the entire campus, including residences;

WHEREAS, Numerous studies indicate second-hand smoke poses health risks to nonsmokers consistently exposed to it;

WHEREAS, Proposed changes to campus policy will balance the rights of smokers and nonsmokers;

WHEREAS, The Kansas State University Student Governing Association sees the need to employ a policy that can be clearly understood by the campus population;

WHEREAS, The current campus smoking policy is not enforced or adhered to;

WHEREAS, A clearer campus smoking policy will be easier to enforce, creating a healthier environment for Kansas State University students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Kansas State University Student Governing Association supports a change in the official campus smoking policy from, “No smoking is allowed in campus buildings or within 30 feet of a building entrance.” to “No smoking is allowed on campus except in designated smoking areas on campus and near residence halls.”

SECTION 2. The Kansas State University Student Governing Association supports stricter enforcement of current and future smoking policies by building managers and campus authorities.

SECTION 3. Upon passage, the Environmental Health and Safety Committee, in consultation with Kansas State University Student Governing Association, has the right to determine the aforementioned designated smoking areas including, but not limited to, specifications such as location, identification, and number of designated smoking areas.

SECTION 4. Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this resolution be sent to University President Kirk Schulz, Director of Public Safety Steve Galitzer,
Assistant Vice President for University Policy and Public Safety Ronnie Grice, Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason, Vice President for Administration and Finance Cindy Bontrager, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Pat Bosco, Associate Dean of Student Life and Kansas State University Student Governing Association Advisor Heather Reed, Academic Affairs Chair Andy Bennett, Faculty Affairs Chair Betsy Cauble, Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures Secretary Christine Wilson, Faculty Senate President Julia Keen, Faculty Senate President-elect Dr. Dave Rintoul, Director of Housing and Dining Services Derek Jackson and Associate Vice President of Facilities Ed Rice.