

1 **RESOLUTION 13/14/66**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
CHANGES TO THE CAMPUS
SMOKING POLICY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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35 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

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

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50 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this
51 resolution be sent to University President Kirk Schulz, Director of Public Safety Steve Galitzer,

Attachment 1

52 Assistant Vice President for University Policy and Public Safety Ronnie Grice, Provost and
53 Senior Vice President April Mason, Vice President for Administration and Finance Cindy
54 Bontrager, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Pat Bosco, Associate Dean of
55 Student Life and Kansas State University Student Governing Association Advisor Heather Reed,
56 Academic Affairs Chair Andy Bennett, Faculty Affairs Chair Betsy Cauble, Committee on
57 Academic Policies and Procedures Secretary Christine Wilson, Faculty Senate President Julia
58 Keen, Faculty Senate President-elect Dr. Dave Rintoul, Director of Housing and Dining Services
59 Derek Jackson and Associate Vice President of Facilities Ed Rice.