

University of Nebraska at Omaha  
*Student Government*

## Resolution

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Title: Smoking at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

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Committee Vote: 5-0-1

Sponsors: Sen. Brohman, Sen. Davlin,  
Sen. Velandar

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Committee: Campus Improvement

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1 **WHEREAS**, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) has committed itself to improving the  
2 overall wellness of students, faculty, and staff; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 2014, Student Government of the University of Nebraska at Omaha  
5 (SG-UNO) began research about the smoking policy on campus through a campus-wide survey  
6 and focus groups of key constituencies; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the survey conducted shows a majority of University of Nebraska at Omaha  
9 students support the idea of a smoke-free policy on campus. Out of 632 respondents, 73% would  
10 support it, 15% would not support it, and 12% would maybe support it; and,  
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12 **WHEREAS**, after conducting focus groups, responses show that students are in favor of both  
13 utilizing numerous smoking zones across both Dodge and Pacific Street campuses and phasing  
14 smoking out over a number of years; and,  
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16 **WHEREAS**, cessation programs and campus education including, but not limited to, support  
17 groups, individual support, and free resources throughout the phased process are vital to its  
18 success, and;  
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20 **WHEREAS**, 7 out of 10 of the UNO peer institutions, as selected by the University Of Nebraska  
21 Board Of Regents, are smoke-free.  
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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that SG-UNO supports a smoke-free initiative to eliminate  
24 smoking of cigarettes, cigars, and pipes on campus by using a phased approach over a number of  
25 years which includes smoking zones and student support throughout.  
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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that SG-UNO highly suggests a taskforce of students, faculty,  
28 and staff be created to help in creating a policy that incorporates these student findings.

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Speaker of the Senate  
Miranda Davis

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President/Regent  
Jordan Koch