

A Resolution

Student Government Association Senate

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Date: March 5, 2008

Resolution Title: **Smoke Free Campus**

Introduced By: **Senator McColey, Bradley**

Senate Resolution: SR001-2008

Certified By: _____

SGA Vice-President

Action Taken: Passed

(Senate): Failed

For President's Use Only:

Approve/Veto _____

(Circle One) SGA President

WHEREAS: Many students and faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock have shown interest and a desire for a campus wide smoking ban. The 20 ft. smoking restriction placed around campus buildings is insufficient to eliminate exposure to second hand smoke and is very difficult to enforce. A smoking ban would make identifying and enforcing the nonsmoking zone much easier and also eliminate the health risks of second hand smoke to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Besides avoiding the obvious health risks of smoking and exposure to second hand smoke, a smoke free campus would also: reduce litter by eliminating cigarette butts, remove smoking receptacles and the need to maintain them, as well as provide leadership to the community and other institutions of higher learning. Evidence also supports that a successful smoking ban must include a smoking cessation program so that smokers are able to find help in quitting after a ban is enacted. It should be known that UALR provides such a program that is adequate to serve this need and is well funded.

Many universities and small colleges have also chosen to restrict or ban smoking for these reasons, including several in Arkansas: The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED : The University of Arkansas at Little Rock ban all students, faculty, staff and visitors from smoking within areas deemed as "on campus."