

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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LOYOLA CHICAGO

MEASURE OF THE SENATE

Tobacco, Vape, and Smoke-Free Campus Resolution

To call upon the Loyola University of Chicago to commit to a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus-wide policy.

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to be filed by the Secretary of the Senate
to be filed by the Chief Justice

Kathleen Meis

Date: 4/6/2020

Signed by the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

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Date: 4/15/20

Signed by the Chief Justice of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago

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To call upon the Loyola University of Chicago to commit to a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus-wide policy.

- ¹Whereas,** In Fall 2017, the Student Government of Loyola Chicago, hereafter referred to as the SGLC, established the Tobacco Free Ad-Hoc Committee with four SGLC members and one non-SGLC member, and
- ²Whereas,** The Tobacco Free Ad-Hoc Committee was tasked with developing a policy proposal for a tobacco-free campus, and
- ³Whereas,** On the *Spring Elections Ballot (2016)*, 63.8% of 3109 students responded in favor of the referendum question, “Should the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore and Watertown Campuses be made smoke-free?”¹ and
- ⁴Whereas,** In Spring 2018, the SGLC passed the *Tobacco-Free Policy Committee Creation Resolution* to “recommend the creation of a University-wide committee to develop a Tobacco-Free Policy at Loyola University of Chicago,”² and
- ⁵Whereas,** Loyola University Chicago, hereafter referred to as LUC, is committed to the Jesuit Ideal of *Cura Personalis*, which is to care for the whole person, and
- ⁶Whereas,** The LUC Student Promise calls upon students to Care for Self, Care for Others, and Care for Community, and
- ⁷Whereas,** The SGLC cited extensive research on the environmental, physical, and secondhand harms of tobacco products in the *Tobacco-Free Policy Committee Creation Resolution (2018)*, and

¹ SGLC Spring Elections Ballot (2016)

² Tobacco-Free Policy Committee Creation Resolution (2018)

- ⁸Whereas,** A study conducted by *American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation (2020)* reported that, “There are now at least 2,487 100% smoke-free campus sites. Of these, 2,062 are 100% tobacco-free, 2,094 prohibit e-cigarette use, 1,111 prohibit hookah use, 485 prohibit smoking/vaping marijuana,”³ and
- ⁹Whereas,** A Center for Disease Control report titled “Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Policies in Colleges and Universities — United States and Territories, 2017” stated that,
- “Cigarette smoking causes an estimated 480,000 U.S. deaths annually, including 41,000 from secondhand smoke exposure. Nearly all adult cigarette smokers start smoking before age 26 years, making smoke-free and tobacco-free policies at colleges and universities important... Efforts to monitor, promote, implement, and enforce smoke-free and tobacco-free policies in U.S. colleges and universities can help reduce the prevalence of tobacco product use and secondhand smoke exposure among those who learn, live, work, and gather in these environments,”*⁴ and
- ¹⁰Whereas,** The Environmental Protection Agency classified tobacco smoke as a Group A carcinogen, environmental air pollutant, and concluded that there is “no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke,”⁵ and
- ¹¹Whereas,** An estimated two-thirds of cigarette butts are littered,⁶ and

³ <https://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6724a4.htm>

⁵ <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/secondhand-smoke-and-smoke-free-homes>

⁶ <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40572-014-0016-x>

- ¹²**Whereas,** Waste from e-cigarettes is a growing problem as users litter single-use plastic pods and lead to hazardous waste from improperly disposed products,⁷ and
- ¹³**Whereas,** In Spring 2019, the University Senate passed the *Resolution Calling for Loyola University Chicago to Re-Examine Its Tobacco Use Policy* to recommend “the Office of the President form a working group, no later than the end of the September 2019, to examine the possibility of a tobacco-free policy on the LUC Lakeshore campus and expand upon the current non-smoking policy detailed in the *Community Standards*,”⁸ and
- ¹⁴**Whereas,** In Summer 2019, former Interim Provost Margaret Callahan and Vice President for Administrative Services Thomas Kelly called upon Vice President for Student Development Jane Neufeld and Vice President for Human Resources Winifred Williams to write a tobacco-free policy proposal, hereafter referred to as the draft policy proposal, for a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus, and
- ¹⁵**Whereas,** The draft policy proposal was subsequently sent to University Senate for feedback in order to expedite the process of this initiative in an efficient manner, and
- ¹⁶**Whereas,** The draft policy proposal was submitted for feedback to the floor of the University Senate on November 2019, and
- ¹⁷**Whereas,** The University Senate is comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators; it is the primary organization for the University shared governance system at LUC which serves in an advisory capacity to the President of the University,⁹ and

⁷ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0956053X15000884?via%3Dihub>

⁸ University Senate Resolution Calling for Loyola University Chicago to Re-Examine Its Tobacco Use Policy (2019)

⁹ <https://www.luc.edu/universitysenate/index.shtml>

¹⁸Whereas, The Shared Governance system provides a platform for administrators, faculty, staff, and students to represent the perspectives of their constituents and engage in discussion of affairs that impact the LUC community, and

¹⁹Whereas, The current non-smoking policy at LUC is outlined in the *Community Standards* as,

“Loyola University Chicago, in compliance with the City of Chicago Ordinance No. 7-32 has adopted a non-smoking policy effective January 18, 2006. This ordinance states that no one may smoke within 15 feet of any entrance to a building designated as a non-smoking building. Therefore, in connection with the ordinance which regulates smoking, the University’s goal is to provide a smoke-free environment,”¹⁰ and

²⁰Whereas, The draft policy proposal for a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus states,

“Use of all tobacco products and vaping (e-cigarettes), will be prohibited on all campus properties, including interior spaces on Loyola’s campus, all outdoor property or grounds controlled and/or maintained by Loyola, all university owned or leased vehicles, and all outdoor athletic facilities (including Hoyne Field).

This policy will apply to the following Loyola University Chicago campuses: Lake Shore, Water Tower, Health Sciences, and the John Felice Rome Center including students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors, as well as vendors, contractors and service providers.”

¹Be It Resolved, The SGLC supports LUC in becoming a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus, and

¹⁰ https://www.luc.edu/hr/policies/policy_nonsmoking.shtml

- ²Be It Resolved,** The SGLC supports the draft policy proposal to make LUC a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus, and
- ³Be It Resolved,** The SGLC urges Faculty Council, Staff Council, Graduate, Professional, and Adult Council, Graduate Student Advisory Council, and Arrupe College representatives on the University Senate to collect feedback from their constituencies on the draft policy proposal in a timely manner, and
- ⁴Be It Resolved,** The SGLC calls upon LUC administration to consult individuals from Facilities, Human Resources, Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Campus Safety, Wellness Center, and the Division of Student Development to determine enforcement of the policy, and
- ⁵Be It Resolved,** The SGLC calls upon LUC administration to determine reasonable consequences for visitors, staff, faculty, and students utilizing tobacco, vape, and smoke products that does not include immediate termination or expulsion from campus upon the first offense, and
- ⁶Be It Resolved,** The SGLC calls upon LUC administration to determine reasonable consequences for visitors, staff, faculty, and students utilizing tobacco, vape, and smoke products that include an educational component and direction to resources, and
- ⁷Be It Resolved,** The SGLC urges enforcement to be determined over Summer 2020 and the policy for a tobacco, vape, and smoke-free campus to be enacted beginning Fall 2020.