

Resolution of the Le Moyne College Student Government Association

WHEREAS, Le Moyne College is a diverse learning community that strives for academic excellence in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition; and

WHEREAS, a key aspect of the Jesuit tradition is “care for the whole person,” or in Latin, “Cura Personalis”; and

WHEREAS, tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemical compounds, more than 250 of these chemicals are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, studies and research on the use of smoking clearly indicate that smoking is bad for a user’s health, causing, among other things, various cancers, emphysema, heart disease, and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, on June 27th, 2006, the Surgeon General released a major new report on involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke, concluding that secondhand smoke causes disease and death in children and nonsmoking adults; and

WHEREAS, all of these facts on smoking and second-hand smoke conflict with the Jesuit ideal of Cura Personalis; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of cigarettes can lead to significant fire damage of buildings and other property; and

WHEREAS, no student should be forced to breathe toxic air as a condition of enrollment; and

WHEREAS, everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free air; and

WHEREAS, studies conducted by the Student Government Association indicate that a majority of student respondents support going smoke-free; and

WHEREAS, a 100% smoke-free workplace policy is an evidence-based “best practice” recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to reduce the burden of disease and death from second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of higher educational institutions and other businesses are adopting smoke-free campuses; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of the members of the class of 2016 indicated that they smoked on their roommate preference worksheet; be it hereby

RESOLVED, that beginning July 1st 2015, no individual, regardless of the relation to Le Moyne College, shall be permitted to smoke any product, including, but not limited to, tobacco, other drugs, or pipes, on any College property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the only exception to this rule be the use of smoking props at College-recognized and approved student theatrical performances if deemed necessary to enhance the theatrical reality of such performances; and be it further

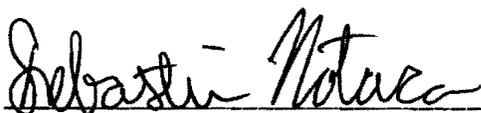
RESOLVED, that the College begin immediately notifying all members of the campus community and its prospective members of the upcoming ban of on-campus smoking; and be it further

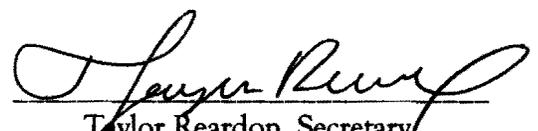
RESOLVED, that the College offer smoking-cessation programs at a free or reduced price to any smokers impacted by this change in policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a committee of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and other related parties be formed to lead the College in its policy transition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this committee be charged with the tasks of: drafting the new smoke-free policy, including the sanctions for noncompliance, overseeing the publicity of the new policy, overseeing the research, publicity, and implementation of the offered smoking cessation programs, overseeing the implementation of the new policy, and reviewing the success or failures of the new policy over its first two years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that changes to this resolution require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the present and voting members of the Le Moyne College Student Government Association.


Sebastian Notaro, President


Taylor Reardon, Secretary