ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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March 15-16, 2012

Resolution Calling for the Issuance of an Executive Order Banning the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products on the Campuses of the California State University

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) recommend to the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) that he issue an Executive Order to ban the sale and distribution of tobacco products on the campuses of the CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the Chancellor, the CSU Board of Trustees, campus Presidents, campus Senate Chairs, the CSU Health Services Advisory Committee, campus Student Health Services Advisory Committees, and the California State Student Association (CSSA).

RATIONALE: The health hazards of using tobacco products are widely known. According to the Centers for Disease Control (see http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/fast_facts/) tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and is responsible for 443,000 deaths per year in the United States (with an estimated 49,000 deaths annually due to second-hand smoke exposure). Cigarette smoking alone costs the United States more than $193 billion (i.e., $97 billion in lost productivity plus $96 billion in health care expenditures).

The CSU should not be promoting the use of tobacco products by our students, faculty, and staff. The Office of the Chancellor has a long history of being concerned about the health effects of items consumed on campuses. For example, in 1993 the Chancellor issued Executive Order (EO) 599 which prohibits smoking in all CSU buildings and leased space. In 2005, he has issued EO 966 which prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages at any athletic event held in university owned or operated facilities and which limits alcohol advertising to beer and wine on CSU campuses. In 2009, the CSU expanded its Biennial Report on Alcohol Policies and Prevention Programs to include tobacco initiatives. Issuing an Executive Order dealing with the sale and distribution of tobacco products on campuses is in keeping with this tradition.

Approved – May 3-4, 2012