



Student Affairs Committee-Smoking Policy

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Meeting Location: 229 HUB

Council Weekend #1

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

Call to Order: 11:20 am

- I. **Introductions:** Andres Zabala, the Director of Special Projects introduced himself to the crowd. He is a junior majoring in film production. He is here to talk about the smoking policy, and how it is implemented on the campuses. The campuses that were in attendance were Abington, Beaver, Behrend, Brandywine, Wilkes-Barre, and Worthington-Scranton. This is a discussion forum. How it is implemented? And how it should be changed? Current policy state that the University bans smoking in any adjacent facility that allows smoke to either enter in or around the facility. Smoking is the burning of lighted pipe, cigarette, cigar, or any type of advice that allows the burning of tobacco. We are one of the Universities in the Big 10 that has a smoking policy. We are a little bit behind. Many are in favor of a smoke-free policy, but not a tobacco-free policy.

- II. **Open Forum:**
 - Bellz, Abington: Should be modified. People like smoking to calm them down. Campuses that have a lot of smokers.
 - Nate, Behrend: Are there any type of quit smoking assistance programs that the university supports?
 - Andres: President Barron wants to initiate a smoke-free university. He successfully implemented it while he was President of Florida State University. Plan was to have FSU smoke-free by the year 2020. We do offer a quit smoking program.
 - Savannah, Beaver: Going to be an issue, but the program sounds like a good idea. A lot of vaping on campus.
 - Moustafa, Behrend: Understands why the university is going smoke-free, but wants to know who is going to enforce it? And how will they enforce it? At Behrend there is a 30 foot rule. No one really knows who is supposed to enforce it. Not very effective.
 - Andres: Read the current policy over again.

- Charlena, Abington: Look at the culture of the campuses. Some may be easier to implement than others.
- Nate, Behrend: Similar issues comparing this to the already implemented dry campus policy. Some campuses it doesn't really affect, and it is easier to enforce, but with others it would be nice to not have blanket policies. They do more harm than good. I can't get behind it.
- Bellz, Abington: What are the repercussions going to be?
- Andres: Moving in to implementations and sanctions.
- Bellz, Abington: Problem with implementing is that no one is going to be enforcing it.
- Moustafa, Behrend: Damon Sims mentioned that Harrisburg went smoke-free. Wants to know more information about how they did it? The University stated that they didn't want the Universities having their own policies.
- Angela, Worthington-Scranton: Campus has been trying to go smoke-free for a while. Trying to ease into it. Does have smoke huts. Tell students to go to the smoke huts, and if they do not comply, they are given a \$30.00 fine.
- Doug, Abington: Smoker, Policies aren't really enforced. Three or four designated smoking areas on campus, hasn't really seen any one smoke outside of that. Make the campus smoke-free, but have designated areas to smoke?
- Bellz, Abington: Do we have to have a University-Wide Smoking Policy? Or Campus-Wide and modify it?
- Andres: We would take all of the discussion that is going to be talked about in here, and bring it to the committee who then is going to make the decision. Right now we are not in the position to do so. We are just coming up with recommendations.
- Moustafa, Behrend: We had a discussion about the smoking huts two years ago. The biggest issue was Who is paying for it? Are students going to actually use it?
- Greg, Wilkes-Barre: We funded smoking huts through either campus beautification funds or Student Facilities Fee. No one uses the smoking huts at all. Every one still smokes outside the buildings.
- Alex, University Park: Former Brandywine Student, we have a smoking hut right on our front lawn, but a lot of the students don't tend to use it, and they tend to smoke in the designated areas right in front of the Main building, Tomeszko, Commons, Vairo Library etc. We tried to implement a smoking policy my spring semester sophomore year, and Fall Semester Junior year. None of which were successful. I believe that they are trying to implement that again this year.
- Angelia, Worthington-Scranton: The location of the smoking huts matters. By the main building and one on the bottom parking lots.
- Nate, Behrend: Why does Penn State favor blanket policies so heavily?
- Andres: Mostly it's because we want to appear as we are under the same policy to show that we are one university geographically disbursed.

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- **Old Business:**

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- **New Business:**

- Name, Campus

- **Open Forum:**

- Name, Campus

Adjournment: 04:00 pm