


FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
Norman Campus

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2009-10 (#6)

TO: President David Boren

FROM: Aimee Franklin, Chair 

DATE: March 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Tobacco-free campus

At its March 8 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate approved, with six opposed and two abstentions, the following resolution supporting modernization of the policy for smoking and/or the usage of tobacco on the Norman campus:

Whereas: Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer in nonsmokers, who have chosen to not smoke, and;

Whereas: Secondhand smoke causes heart disease in adults, with recent studies finding that smoke-free laws reduce the rate of heart attacks by an average of 17% in just the first year after adoption, with the largest reduction occurring in non-smokers, and;

Whereas: The National Cancer Institute concludes "there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke," and;

Whereas: Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke on the Norman campus will have a direct and significant positive effect on the cost of employee benefits over time, and;

Whereas: Over 380 U.S. colleges and universities are completely smoke free, which in Oklahoma include The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, The University of Oklahoma Tulsa Campus, Oklahoma State University Stillwater Campus, Oklahoma State University Tulsa Campus, University of Central Oklahoma, and Oklahoma City University;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of The University of Oklahoma hereby requests that The University of Oklahoma develop and implement, in consultation with the University of Oklahoma Student Association, the Staff Senate, and the Faculty Senate, a policy to eliminate smoking and/or the usage of tobacco products on the Norman campus.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Ms. Katie Fox, UOSA President
Ms. Diana Fitzpatrick, Staff Senate Chair ✓

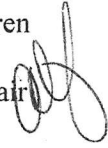
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FACULTY SENATE
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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN
2009-10 (#8)

TO: President David Boren
FROM: Aimee Franklin, Chair 
DATE: March 10, 2010
SUBJECT: Firearms on Campus

At its March 8 meeting, the Norman Campus Faculty Senate unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS various pieces of legislation have been or will be introduced in the Oklahoma State Legislature which would allow firearms and/or other weapons to be brought onto public university and college campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate represents all faculty members on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus; and

WHEREAS, we, as faculty members, believe one of our duties is to serve as role models for our students through a positive and supportive educational environment; and

WHEREAS, we, as faculty members, are sensitive to and aware of the physical, mental, and emotional trauma associated with school violence; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the university that provide safety to all of its constituencies and the specific actions of its security team(s) could be severely compromised by uncoordinated individual action for which the institution would bear the ultimate responsibility, and

WHEREAS, we, as faculty members, feel that the campus should continue to be a place that is safe for all students, staff, faculty, and their families, as well as visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Oklahoma hereby proposes that no firearms, except those explicitly allowed by duly authorized law enforcement personnel, be allowed on any campus grounds without the prior specifically authorized consent of the individual educational institution of concern so that the facilities, classrooms, and campus grounds will continue to be a positive educational and working environment for all who are employed by, attend classes in, and/or visit the campus.

cc: Senior Vice President and Provost Nancy Mergler
Dr. Chris Purcell, OU Regents
Ms. Debra Stuart, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Ms. Katie Fox, UOSA President
Ms. Diana Fitzpatrick, Staff Senate Chair ✓

PRESIDENT DAVID BOREN: _____

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