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BP 3570 Smoking on Campus

Associated Students Smoking Policy Resolution

WHEREAS, the Imperial Community College District's current smoking policy is widely ignored and ineffective; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Imperial Valley College stakeholders including students, staff, faculty, administrators, campus visitors, and the children enrolled in the on campus preschool and infant toddler center are involuntarily exposed to second hand smoke while on IVC's main campus; and

WHEREAS, cigarette litter has become an increasing presence affecting the cleanliness of IVC, and there have been documented reports of fires at IVC because of improper handling of cigarettes thereby creating a serious concern for the well being of all people and property; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, Richard H. Carmona, Surgeon General of the United States of America stated, "The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health hazard that can lead to disease and premature death in children and nonsmoking adults;" and

WHEREAS, during November of 2006 an IVC student suffered a serious allergic reaction to the second-hand smoke she was exposed to at IVC; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility as members of a community associated with an institution of higher learning to promote education and behavior that serves the personal responsibility and global awareness of each individual at IVC; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that it is the recommendation of the Associated Students of IVC that the District address the serious health risks that the District's current smoking policy allows; and

Be it further resolved that it is the recommendation of the Associated Students of IVC that the appropriate IVC shared governance groups along with the Governing Board of the Imperial Community College District begin an immediate transition towards becoming a tobacco-free district as outlined in the policies below:

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers.

**Policy Statement for the Spring Semester
Designated Smoking Areas:**

Effective February 17, 2009, Imperial Valley College shall designate smoking areas and phase into a smoke-free campus. Smoking shall be designated to all parking lots excluding parking lot A & the Pre-school lot. This prohibition shall apply to all campus-owned building or leased space. The sale of tobacco products on campus is prohibited.

A. The IVC Campus Operations Committee will ensure that clear signs are displayed at all entrances to the campus, as well as other conspicuous locations, to notify the public that smoking is permitted only in the officially designated areas (all parking lots with the exclusion of lot A & the Pre-school lot) and is otherwise prohibited on the campus grounds or in campus buildings.

B. Questions and problems regarding this policy should be handled through existing administrative processes, including Human Resources and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

**Policy Statement for the Following Fall Semester
Tobacco Free Campus:**

1. It is the policy of Imperial Valley College to provide a tobacco free environment for its students, faculty, staff, administrators, visitors and the general public while on this campus. The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke, nor does the EPA recognize a safe level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.
2. Effective the first day of the Fall Semester 2009, Imperial Valley College shall be a tobacco-free campus. The use of any tobacco products shall be prohibited on any District properties. The sale of tobacco products on campus is prohibited.
3. Appropriate signs shall be posted at all entrances to campus grounds.
4. Smoking shall be prohibited at all times in all vehicle on campus.
5. The smoking prohibition applies to passenger vehicles and all other state-owned mobile equipment to include light and heavy trucks, cargo and passenger vans, buses, and any other mobile equipment with an enclosed or enclosable driver/passenger compartment.

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