

UNH FACULTY SENATE
Motion #XXI-M13
On adopting a tobacco-free policy for UNH campuses

1. Motion presenters: Marc Hiller, on behalf of the Campus Planning Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussions: 5/1/2017, 5/8/2017

3. Rationale: The American College Health Association (ACHA) has acknowledged the findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and/or passive, is a significant health hazard. Recognizing that environmental tobacco smoke is classified as a Class-A carcinogen, the ACHA has adopted a “No Tobacco Use” policy and encourages colleges and universities to be diligent in their efforts to achieve a 100% indoor and outdoor campus-wide tobacco-free environment.

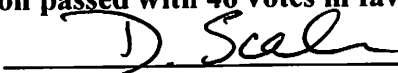
As of January 2, 2017 there were at least 1,757 100% smoke-free college campuses across America.¹ Of these, 1,468 are also tobacco-free, 1,331 prohibit e-cigarette use, and 652 prohibit hookah use. Public New England universities that have already adopted tobacco-free policies include the University of Maine, University of Southern Maine, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, the University of Vermont, and Plymouth State University (NH). Therefore,

4. Motion: Given the serious negative impacts of all forms of tobacco use on human health, including its unintended consequences faced by the larger population of nonsmokers exposed to exhaled tobacco smoke, and given the absence of any meaningful progress toward establishing tobacco-free campuses for UNH since 2002, the Faculty Senate requests that the University adopt a tobacco-free policy for all UNH campuses, consistent with the “Healthy UNH” tobacco-free campus initiative. We further request that the UNH Administration commence the necessary plans for implementing this policy upon its adoption.

At a minimum, any such policy should:

- retain the elements of the existing University tobacco policy (not specifically addressed by this revised policy);
- continue to provide effective health promotion and education, making smoking cessation programs available to any University individual who wishes to quit smoking;
- ensure a wide dissemination of the new policy to all faculty, staff, students and visitors, including consistent signage across campus;
- develop a mechanism to monitor impact and effectiveness over time.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 46 votes in favor, 12 votes opposed, and 4 abstentions

6. Senate chair’s signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 9, 2017

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¹ <http://no-smoke.org/goingsmokefree.php?id=447>

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