

## A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

WHEREAS Substitute House Bill 64 Section 733.10 requires that the Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Health shall develop a model policy regarding the use of tobacco at state institutions of higher education by the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS the same section of HB64 requires that each state institution of higher education shall adopt policies that are not less stringent than the model policy; and

WHEREAS HB 64 is likely to be signed by the Governor by June 30, 2015, with this language intact; and

WHEREAS the model policy to be developed by the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Health is likely to require that all campuses of the University of Cincinnati become a substantially tobacco-free campus by the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS previous efforts to make the University a tobacco-free campus have revealed that there are legitimate concerns among the faculty, staff, and student body with regard to the sudden imposition of any Tobacco-Free regime; and

WHEREAS the University Health System has sponsored a number of highly successful smoking-cessation initiatives and programs in the past decade as its own research has shown the public health and personal benefits to those ending their use of tobacco;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests that the University President and the Board of Trustees devote significant financial and professional resources to an effective smoking-cessation campaign targeted at every applicable member of the University community, to be launched as soon as practicable, and timed to ensure that no faculty, staff, or continuing student will be unable to thrive in a tobacco-free environment at its implementation.

Approved by the Faculty Senate on 5/14/15