

TO: The Senate
FROM: The University Resources Policy Committee
DATE: 25 March 1987
SUBJ: Tobacco Smoke

DISPOSITION: Upon approval, to the chancellor for implementation at the beginning of the fall semester, 1987

Whereas, the Surgeon General of the U.S. has announced that there is evidence that "nonsmokers are placed at increased risk for developing diseases as the result of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke,"

And whereas, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act guarantees specific rights to persons who qualify as "handicapped" and states that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity. . ."

And whereas, an environment containing tobacco smoke may very well provide such impairment to those handicapped individuals,

Be it therefore resolved, that Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne

1. Provide an atmosphere in which all individuals can conduct necessary day-to-day functions (e.g., working, going to class, conducting business with offices on campus, buying books, etc.) without being subjected to sidestream smoke. This improvement in the campus environment requires prohibiting smoking in all offices, restrooms, meeting rooms, hallways, classrooms, and laboratories; designating smoking areas with independent ventilation flow in selected buildings (pending engineering studies); and requiring enforcement of relevant regulations by Police and Safety, with cooperation and support by all employees and students;
2. Create an environment which discourages violations of the policy. This requires removing ashtrays inside buildings, except in designated smoking areas; discontinuing on-campus sales of tobacco products; posting "no smoking" signs in all areas and entrances where a ban is in effect; and informing all employees and students by notice of this policy;
3. Provide positive assistance to those who wish to stop smoking by offering smoking-cessation programs for employees and students; and

4. Oversee and ensure the implementation and effectiveness of this policy by appointing a steering committee consisting of faculty, staff, and students with various interests and backgrounds related to this topic. The steering committee charge should include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a) to begin an aggressive educational program immediately
 - b) to work with Personnel Services in planning the smoking-cessation classes
 - c) to work with Police and Safety in the implementation of this policy
 - d) to work with the vice chancellor for financial affairs and the director of the physical plant in determining the designated smoking areas
 - e) to monitor the compliance with and enforcement and effectiveness of this policy by conducting studies and surveys.