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## LSU Staff Senate Resolution 19-05 Support of Faculty Senate Resolution 19-06 on Tobacco-Free Policy and Education Program

Sponsored by Staff Senate Executive Committee in support of Faculty Senate Resolution 19-06 Support for the LSU 100% Tobacco-Free Policy & Anti-Vaping Education Program

Whereas, Act 211 required all public university campuses to establish a smoke-free or tobacco-free policy by August 1, 2014 and LSU complied with this Act by choosing to approve a tobacco-free policy for the university that includes combustibles, vaping devices (e-cigarettes), and smokeless tobacco; and

Whereas, the university has established procedures for disciplining students, faculty, and staff who do not comply with the tobacco-free policy; and

Whereas, smoking-related illnesses in the United States cost more than \$300 billion dollars in smoking-related illnesses and \$156 billion dollars in lost productivity, which includes \$5.6 billion dollars in lost productivity due to secondhand exposure; and

Whereas, research shows that evidence-based, statewide tobacco control programs that are comprehensive, sustained, and accountable reduce the number of people who smoke, as well as decrease tobacco-related diseases and deaths. For every dollar spent on tobacco prevention and cessation classes, states can reduce tobacco-related health care expenditures and hospitalizations by up to \$55 dollars; and

**Therefore,** be it resolved that the LSU Staff Senate hereby offers its support of Faculty Senate Resolution 19-06: Support for the LSU 100% Tobacco Policy and Anti-Vaping Education Program to include establishment of a permanent committee of students, faculty, and staff to educate and bring awareness of the tobacco-free policy and trends in tobacco use, creation of smoking cessation programs for students, faculty, and staff, and support by LSU Administration of the campus tobacco-free policy.

**Therefore**, be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to F. King Alexander, LSU President; Stacia Haynie, Executive Vice President and Provost; Daniel T. Layzell, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO; Tyler Kearney, Associate Vice President of Finance & Administration and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Dr. Mandi Lopez, Faculty Senate President; Ashley Gautreaux, Council of Staff Advisors Chair; and William Jewell, Student Government President.

## **Certification of Resolution:**

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the LSU Staff Senate at a properlynoticed, open meeting, held on September 18, 2019, at which a quorum was present.

Rachel Henry Staff Senate President

Cober 15, 2019

Date