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Faculty Senate Resolution Supporting a Revision to Smoke-Free Campus Policy

April 8, 2014

WHEREAS, the current University of Mississippi policy on tobacco deals with only the use of cigarettes, cigars, and pipes; and

WHEREAS, the previous policy limited the use of smokeless tobacco to designated areas on campus, the current policy places no restrictions on the location or time of use, and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco products are a major cause of lip, oral cavity, and pharynx cancers; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco products are a source of debris and trash on campus, both inside and outside; and

WHEREAS, the use of smokeless tobacco products indoors on campus can be unsanitary and distracting to the education and research missions of the university; and

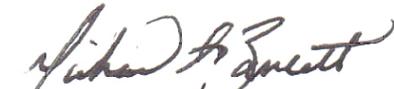
WHEREAS, the current University policy fails to address new electronic cigarettes or electronic hookahs, which are potentially unregulated medical devices with little to no evidence of their safety; and

WHEREAS, the use of electronic cigarettes in classroom and office buildings on campus can be a distraction from instruction and learning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Faculty of the University of Mississippi supports revision to the campus smoking policy to prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes indoors.

RESOLVED, this the 8th day of April 2014.

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY



Michael Barnett

Chair of the Faculty Senate