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# **Sample Student Resolution Regarding Sale of Tobacco**

**Associated Students of the University of Washington  
Governance Committee  
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## **ASUW RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that tobacco products are legally sold to and consumed by persons 18 years of age and older, and that these products are readily available in close proximity to the campus of the University of Washington,**

**WHEREAS, the smoking rate among University of Washington undergraduate students has increased by 83% from 1993 to 1999, significantly outpacing the national trend,**

**WHEREAS, research has shown that approximately 39% of college smokers either begin to smoke or become addicted to tobacco after entering college and that promotion of tobacco in the form of advertising and sales displays may influence the initiation of and addiction to tobacco use,**

**WHEREAS, smoking is the number one preventable cause of death and disability in the United States, and that although the vast majority of smokers wish to stop smoking, only one third are able to succeed in quitting long term, and thus smoking-related illnesses will be responsible for the premature deaths of an estimated 2,000 current University of Washington undergraduate students,**

**WHEREAS, the majority of our peer educational institutions do not sell, advertise, or otherwise promote tobacco products on their campuses,**

**WHEREAS, the sale of tobacco products on campus adversely affects the health of the campus community by:**

- 1. indirectly promoting the use of this substance by setting an example for advertising policies, altering perception of social norms and having sold cigarettes to minors,**
- 2. conflicting with the educational mission and the policy on the sales of goods and services of the University of Washington,**
- 3. introducing a financial conflict of interest by profiting the Student Activities and Union Facilities Department, a division of the Student Affairs Office, which is responsible for the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse on campus (as mandated by the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act),**
- 4. undermining the work of our nationally recognized medical center, which treats thousands of patients with tobacco-related illnesses each year,**

**WHEREAS, the University of Washington Board of Regents recently voted to divest all of the University's tobacco company stock holdings.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

**THAT, be it recommended, that the ASUW does not support the sale of tobacco products in student union facilities or by the Student Activities and Union Facilities Department on the campus of the University of Washington.**