

SGA Resolution 3-12-F

A resolution to place "Tobacco Free" signs in various locations across campus.

Whereas: MTSU adopted the No Smoking Policy July 1, 2011.

Whereas: There are students who are unaware of the policy.

Whereas: Students who are caught using tobacco products on campus are subject to face university judicial action.

Whereas: The "tobacco free" signs that are already placed around campus appear to only serve as friendly suggestions, since they read "Help Keep our Campus Tobacco Free."

Whereas: There are no signs on campus that explicitly inform students to refrain from using tobacco products or face university judicial action.

Whereas: Students who are caught using tobacco products on campus may use the argument, during a judicial hearing, that they were not adequately informed of MTSU's Tobacco Free policy.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 75th CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

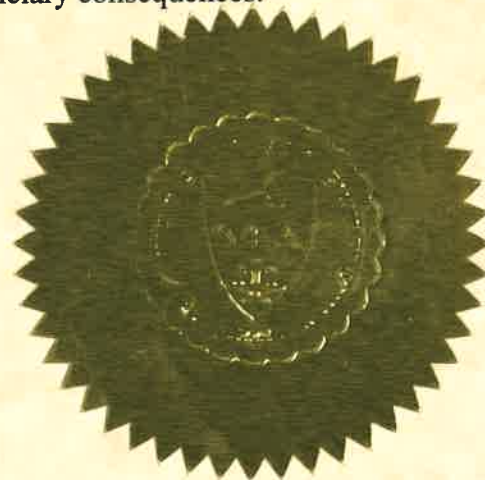
Section 1: Signs that read "SGA Supports our Tobacco Free Policy" will be placed in various locations on campus.

Section 2: The signs will include a graphic that represents the university's Tobacco Free policy with additional language informing potential offenders of the judiciary consequences.

Section 3: This resolution will go into effect immediately.

Sponsored by: Senator Batten

**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Brown
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RE: SGA Resolution 3-12-F

DATE: November 26, 2012

I am forwarding the attached legislation requesting that signs be placed in various locations on campus stating that "SGA Supports our Tobacco Free Policy." The Student Government is also requesting that the signs include a graphic that represents the University's Tobacco Free policy with additional language informing potential offenders of the judiciary consequences.

Resolutions passed by the Student Government Association are generally understood to be recommendations. Legislation resulting in these resolutions is brought before the SGA by any one or more members of the Senate, and is generally subject to debate within the senate. Senate meetings are open to the full student body, and thus debates are sometimes observed by and/or joined by students other than SGA senators.

Once a resolution has been passed by the Senate, I forward that resolution to the administrator or department most likely to benefit from reviewing the student recommendation. Resolutions are not binding upon administrators or departments, but are generally regarded as expressing the will of the Senate on the issue brought before them. I generally ask the administrator to whom I have forwarded the resolution for some timely response that helps SGA to understand the potential feasibility of the proposal. If, in your opinion, the resolution requests action which is not feasible, I ask for your help in explaining why it is not practical, affordable, or otherwise in the best interest of the university.

In the immediate instance, I believe it would be appropriate for you to review the SGA's recommendation and provide such a response to me within 30 days. Please contact Coby Sherlock, SGA President, or Dr. Danny Kelley if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

