

Professional Staff Assembly
Staff Life Committee

Resolution to Declare
The University of Alabama a Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campus

Background: In April 2012, the Professional Staff Assembly (PSA), Steering Committee presented the Staff Life Committee a resolution concerning The University of Alabama becoming a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus. This resolution, developed by the Faculty Senate was written in support of a potential smoke-free policy on campus. The Staff Life Committee discussed at length the pros and cons, as well as, researched the current campus policy, along with those at other institutions of Higher Education. In addition, the committee reviewed findings of and conferred with the UA Strategic Tobacco Team. In July 2012 an online survey was conducted to assess the views of professional staff. In that survey, nearly 65% of the 374 respondents were unequivocally in favor of adopting a smoke-free policy on campus, and an additional 14% supported the policy with provisions. Consequently, with nearly 80% of the respondents being favorably disposed to a campus-wide policy, the following resolution is brought before the Professional Staff Assembly:

WHEREAS, The Professional Staff Assembly at The University of Alabama is concerned about ensuring a safe and healthy working and learning environment on our campus; and

WHEREAS, we believe that safe and healthy schools are essential learning environments and are the right of students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the administration of The University of Alabama is responsible for promoting and protecting the health of students, staff, faculty and visitors while on campus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Staff Assembly at The University of Alabama encourages the administration to adopt a Smoke-Free/ Tobacco-Free Campus policy, where education of the faculty/staff/students, cessation support be made available; as well as considerations of provisions deemed necessary and feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Professional Staff Assembly supports the recommendations sent forward by the Tobacco Strategic Health Team, and the resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate.