

**A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED ACT TO:**

**Proposal To Update Western Carolina Policy 45 Smoking and Vaping**

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**Short Title:** Update Policy 45

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**Resolution Number:** S23-03

**First Reading:** 1/30/23 **Second Reading:** 2/6/23

**Referred to:** Health & Safety Committee

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2 **WHEREAS** Western Carolina University strives to maintain the health and wellness for students  
3 on campus; and,

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5 **WHEREAS,** Students not vaping or smoking are affected when users choose to use their  
6 smoking devices making this a public health matter; and,

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8 **WHEREAS,** Western Carolina University has a duty to protect the needs of all students in  
9 concerns of health and wellness; and,

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11 **WHEREAS,** Increasing the distance from buildings and other outdoor areas from fifty (50) to  
12 one hundred (100) allows WCU to maintain its commitment to students' health and allows for the  
13 potential to have students quit smoking and vaping altogether; and

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15 **WHEREAS,** Western Carolina University has a policy for smoking and vaping prohibited in  
16 buildings stating the following "In accordance with North Carolina State law, the University  
17 prohibits smoking in buildings owned, leased (as the lessor) or leased (as lessee) and occupied by  
18 State government. Additionally, upon the adoption of the 2016 revisions to this policy, the  
19 University prohibits vaping in University buildings. Smoking and vaping are also prohibited  
20 within fifty (50) linear feet of University buildings and may be prohibited in other outdoor spaces  
21 (beyond 50 feet) for safety or health reasons."; and,

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23 **WHEREAS,** Western Carolina's Policy 45 policy was last revised in October 24, 2016; and,

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25 **WHEREAS,** Policy 45 is supposed to be updated and revised every four years; and,

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27 **WHEREAS,** Policy 45 is in need of updating with it being three years since the policy was  
28 originally supposed to be updated; and,

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30 **WHEREAS,** Updating the policy maintains WCU's commitment to students' overall health and  
31 wellness; and,

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33 **Therefore, Be It Resolved That:** Western Carolina University be receptive to the idea of  
34 increasing the current distance for smoking from fifty (50) feet to one hundred (100) feet better to  
35 serve the public health of the WCU's campus and maintaining the pledge to put forth the best  
36 initiatives for students' health and safety, while also fully updating Policy 45 Smoking and  
37 Vaping Policies.  
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Senate Vote: Aye: <u>8</u> Nay: <u>9</u> Abstain: _____	
<u>CJ Mitchell</u> CJ Mitchell Office of the Student Body Vice President	<u>02/07/23</u> Date Passed: <input type="checkbox"/> Failed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Estefany Gordillo-Rivas</u> Estefany Gordillo-Rivas Office of the Student Body President	<u>02/08/23</u> Date Passed: <input type="checkbox"/> Veto: <input type="checkbox"/>

