

**MJC ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**Resolution FL99-N: Smoking Policy**  
**November 3, 1999**

**PROPOSED BY:** Hilda Sielicki

**WHEREAS,** the habit of smoking on college campuses is rising, by 1997, 25% of college students were smokers, up from 19% in 1993, as reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), and

**WHEREAS,** in California, smoking is now banned from enclosed workplaces and public places, but the law does not address the fact that smoke from the outside is pulled into buildings through doors, windows and ventilation systems, and

**WHEREAS,** in apparently healthy people, a short-term exposure to secondhand smoke may cause over-contraction of the heart, thickening of the blood, depression of the immune system and cell mutations, and

**WHEREAS,** it is impossible for sensitive individuals to avoid secondhand smoke when people are smoking at the entrances to classrooms, on walkways, outside the student center or other highly populated, high-traffic areas, and

**WHEREAS,** there is funding for signage and educational events through Fresh Outdoors Project, a state grant through the tobacco control section of Department of Health Services;

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that in the interest of protecting the health of students, employees and visitor to the campus, smoking is prohibited within twenty feet of all public building entrances.

**First Reading:** December 9, 1999

**Final Action:** Approved January 20, 2000

**Disposition:** Carried

Forwarded to Administration for consideration and implementation