



**Modesto Junior College Academic Senate -
Resolution S22-C:
Smoke & Tobacco Free Campus
Authors: Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Taskforce**

Whereas, the Yosemite Community College Board of Trustees and Modesto Junior College are fully committed to promoting the health and safety of its faculty, students, classified staff, and administrator in teaching, learning and campus life.

Whereas, the University of California system has adopted 100% smoke and tobacco-free policies, including electronic smoking devices with implementation in January 2014.

Whereas, the California State University system has adopted 100% smoke and tobacco-free policies, including electronic smoking devices with implementation in September 2017.

Whereas, Modesto Junior College is a two-year institution that encourages student transfers to the California State University and the University of California which are 100% smoke and tobacco free campuses.

Whereas, the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges passed a 100% Smoke and Tobacco Free California Community College Resolution in 2018 with the hopes of all campuses of the California Community College system to be smoke and tobacco free campuses.

Whereas, Modesto Junior College, through the Facilities Council and the College Council in Fall 2018, approved the creation of the Campus Smoke-Free Task Force to research and provide recommendations for a 100% smoke and tobacco free campus including education/cessation programs and appropriate changes to board policy and procedures.

Whereas, the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College passed a resolution in Spring 2019 asking that Modesto Junior College be a 100% Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus.

Whereas, the Student Senate of California Community Colleges passed a resolution in Spring 2020 making it a legislative priority to advocate for legislation to enact a 100% ban on the use of smoke and tobacco products on community colleges.

Whereas, Modesto Junior College has an F grade on the California College and University Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Report Card which ranks by grade campuses and their smoke and tobacco free policies. Modesto Junior College is one of 12 community colleges listed in Region 5 and includes seven colleges with an A+ for 100% smoke/tobacco free campuses including electronic devices.

Whereas, research concludes that smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Whereas, tobacco use kills more people than HIV, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, illegal drug use, and firearms-related incidents combined. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Whereas, a smoke and tobacco free campus will ensure that our campus community is healthier and focused on student success without the distractions of nicotine addiction.

Whereas, a smoke- and tobacco-free campus benefits all members of the campus community who do not smoke, are trying to quit, have medical conditions, are unevenly impacted by tobacco-related health disparities, are pregnant, or do not want to be affected by second-hand smoke exposure;

Whereas, ensuring the safety and cleanliness of our college campus is important to the entire campus community and having a 100% smoke and tobacco free campus helps us meet this goal.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate fully and wholeheartedly supports the implementation of a 100% smoke- and tobacco-free campus policy that includes electronic smoking devices and incorporates a culturally-competent cessation program; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, the Academic Senate respectfully asks the Yosemite Community College District Board to understand, acknowledge, and fully support the consideration of having a 100% smoke and tobacco free campus, including electronic smoking at Modesto Junior College.

First Reading: February 3, 2022

Final Reading: February 17, 2022

Disposition: Carried