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Issue/Concern               Smoking on Campus

Signature of Initiator(s)    (Signature on File)

Provide information, which succinctly but fully discusses the issue/concern (if necessary, add additional pages).

A. Describe the issue/concern: •Sacramento City College has a substantial interest in promoting the health of its student body, faculty, and staff. Smoking is an addictive, unhealthy, and harmful activity. •Each year, 430,000 people die from tobacco-related illness, making it the leading cause of preventable illness in the United States. Exposure to second-hand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the country, killing 50,000 non-smokers each year. •A California survey identified young adults (18-24 years) as the largest demographic group of smokers in the state, at 21.9 % in the year 2000. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that 27.9% 18-24 year olds in the U.S. smoke, compared with 23.5% of all adults. In a 2001 survey, 30% of college students reported being current tobacco users. •The college years are a time of transition in smoking behavior, during which many college students begin using a range of tobacco products. This time of transition is also a time when some young smokers attempt to quit. College students are subject to unique academic and social stress levels, making them likely to begin smoking at college in response to stress. •The American College Health Association (ACHA) has formally recognized that tobacco use in any form is a health hazard and has encouraged that colleges and universities take action to prohibit smoking on campus. One study suggests that reducing the visibility of tobacco use in the environment could discourage students from starting to smoke and make quitting easier. •Used cigarette butts, not properly disposed of, is a blight to the college campus. •Thirty-five California colleges and universities currently have a 100% smoke-free policy on campus or allow smoking in designated smoke areas only.

B. What do you recommend or suggest solving this issue/concern? Establishing a campus-wide non-smoking policy at Sacramento City College. The process of establishing such a policy would include campus specific research, proposal, implementation, enforcement, and evaluation.

C. How will this recommendation support the success of SCC students and benefit the campus community? •Students who are physically healthier are more likely to succeed academically; •It will encourage students to make health decisions; •Faculty and staff who are at less risk of chronic lung disease, coronary heart disease, stroke, and certain cancers caused by smoking might be encouraged by the campus policy to quit smoking; •Maintenance staff will spend less time cleaning cigarette butts and ash trays, and enforcement of existing smoking policies will be made easier; •Sacramento City College can represent itself as a community leader and institution that promotes healthy living, ensuring that its image does not contribute to the endorsement of unhealthy habits.

Please return this form to the Process Coordinator, Nelle Moffett, RN 221. The Initiator will be notified within 5 working days as to the committee or council that will review this issue/concern.

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