



University of Denver  
*All Undergraduate Student Association Senate*  
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**Resolution 12B**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**Whereas,** the University of Denver Tobacco Taskforce (DU Tobacco Taskforce) was established by the Health and Counseling Center in 2007 to evaluate tobacco use and practice; and

**Whereas,** the DU Tobacco Taskforce is comprised of representatives of the DU community including the Health and Counseling Center, Business and Financial Affairs, Campus Safety, Housing and Residential Education, Citizenship and Community Standards, Human Resources, and students; and

**Whereas,** the DU Tobacco Taskforce has submitted a proposal for a 100% tobacco-free University of Denver in both indoor and outdoor spaces; and

**Whereas,** a policy of a tobacco free DU is proposed to go into effect January 1, 2010, after extensive education to current and future students including signage and facility changes across campus initiated by an "Implementation Taskforce"; and

**Whereas,** there are currently more than 250 smoke-free/tobacco-free colleges and universities, private and public, in the United States; and

**Whereas,** the number of tobacco-free colleges and universities is constantly growing with an increase of more than 100 institutions since October, indicating a nationwide tobacco-free trend; and

**Whereas,** the Colorado Tobacco-Free College Forum (led by Denver Health) indicates a movement towards becoming tobacco-free by almost every major higher educational institution in Colorado; and

**Whereas,** the DU Tobacco Taskforce has established a Student Tobacco Free DU Taskforce to rally student support in favor of this policy, alongside DUPE'D; and

**Whereas,** over 1500 students have signed a petition in favor of a tobacco free DU indicating a clear student endorsement of this policy; and

**Whereas,** a tobacco free University of Denver promotes the University's ongoing sustainability efforts; and


**Whereas**, the DU Tobacco Taskforce has established policy enforcement plans in conjunction with Campus Safety, Housing and Residential Education, Citizenship and Community Standards, and Human Resources; and

**Whereas**, a Good Neighbor plan has been developed with the input of neighborhood associations surrounding the University of Denver to allow neighboring residents and businesses to notify University officials should the need arise; and

**Whereas**, the Health and Counseling Center offers and will continue to offer free cessation classes, one-on-one cessation counseling, and numerous local and state resources to DU community members (students and employees) should they desire them; therefore

**Be It Resolved**, that the AUSA Senate endorses the policy of a 100% tobacco free University of Denver, per the proposal of the University of Denver Tobacco Taskforce; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, the Provost, the Health and Counseling Center, and the DU Tobacco Taskforce.

Senate Action: PASSED-----  Date: 2/24/2009

President's Signature: Monica Kumar Date: 2/24/2009

**PASSED-14 AYES-5 NAYES-0 ABSTENTIONS**