"Designated Smoking Area” Policy Proposal

Overview:

Approximately 18 designated smoking areas will be established throughout the Main and Broadway campuses. These designated smoking areas will be in generally accessible locations, but distanced from entrances and high traffic walkways. Smoking on campus will only be allowed in these areas.

Detail:

Each designated smoking area will consist of a bench or small grouping of benches accompanied by an adequate number of ashtrays, and will be clearly identified through the use of uniform “Smoking Area” signage. Designated smoking areas are located in both open-air and covered areas, so as to provide for instances of inclement weather.

Implementation:

A pamphlet describing the updated smoking policy, the enforcement process, and the location of each designated smoking area will be mass produced by Student Government Association, and included in all New Student Orientation and Residential Life Orientation packets. Pamphlets will be distributed at major campus events, and available within multiple departmental offices. In addition, a widespread publicity campaign (utilizing The Maroon, SGA, and campus wide email) will assure full dissemination of all information pertaining to the policy’s implementation.

Violations:

The policy’s violations are comprised of three main regulations and a simple system of fines/judicial oversight. The regulations and fines are as follows:

- Smoking within 20’ of an entrance: $40
- Smoking in a non-designated (prohibited) area: $25
- Discarding of cigarette butts anywhere other than ashtrays or trash cans: $10

Fines associated with respective regulations double with each subsequent violation. More than three violations in one academic year will result in an appearance before the SGA Court of Review, with rulings being restricted to predetermined levels of required community service. The record of violations and escalation of fines will be eliminated at the close of each academic year.

Enforcement:

The Designated Smoking Area Policy will be enforced by University Police, Residential Life, and members of University level Administration. Students in violation of the Designated Smoking Area Policy will be asked to produce their Loyola University Identification, in accordance with the Student Handbook. The student’s information and the type of violation will be recorded, and subsequently turned over to the office of Student Government Association. SGA will administer the collection of fines, the entirety of which will be transferred to the Department of Counseling Services for use in additional smoking cessation programming and counseling. Faculty, staff, and workers will abide by the voluntary compliance of their respective Director or directing body.

The Designated Smoking Area Policy was decided upon under the direction of University Police, Residential Life, Student Government Association, and Counseling Services