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To: Don Straney, UHH Chancellor

From: Michael Shintaku, Faculty Congress Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS", written over the name Michael Shintaku.

Subject: Campus smoking policy

At its May 10, 2013 meeting, the UH-Hilo Faculty Congress passed a motion requiring administrative action: establish a campus-wide smoking ban.

In summary, Faculty Congress is recommending that UHH become a smoke-free campus. The motion passed with one abstention, and the entire motion is attached.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response at one of our upcoming faculty congress meetings.

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Attachments (1): Campus smoking policy

Motion: Campus smoking policy

Whereas cigarette smoking is known to cause death, as well as cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, cancer and other health effects, such as infertility and stillbirth[1].

Whereas, in an effort to protect nonsmokers, many laws have been passed that prohibit smoking in public places, such as restaurants, airports, and health care facilities[2];

Whereas the use of designated smoking areas on the University of Hawai'i at Hilo campus has neither been embraced by smokers nor enforced by security personnel,

Whereas as of January 2013, 825 campuses nationwide have already banned tobacco and/or smoking[3],

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Congress recommends that the University of Hawai'i at Hilo become a non-smoking, tobacco-free campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] According to

http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/health_effects/effects_cig_smoking/#disparities

[2] According to

<http://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/effects-of-secondhand-smoke>

[3] According to

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20130404/NEWS01/304040045/Smoking-NewYork-college-campuses>.

Note added Sept 6, 2013: a list of smoke-free campuses can be found at

<http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf>