

**Bemidji State University**  
**Student Association Student Senate**  
*"Trust, Vision, Voice"*

**SR 10-21**

**Bemidji State University Smoking Policy**

**Motion By: Senator Kingery**

**Seconded By: Senator Roehler**

**Whereas** the Bemidji State University Student Association (BSUSA) Student Senate is the official voice of the students; and

**Whereas** the *Opinion Survey on Tobacco Use and Exposure at Bemidji State University* conducted by Student Senate showed support for further restricting smoking on the Bemidji State University campus; and

**Whereas** 93% of the respondents consider second hand smoke a health hazard; and

**Whereas** 77% of the respondents agree that they are exposed to second hand smoke at Bemidji State University; and

**Whereas** restricting smoking on campus would remove this health hazard from Bemidji State University; and

**Whereas** the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) Board of Trustees passed a resolution to encourage all state colleges and universities to consider more restrictions on tobacco use; and

**Whereas** the Student Center for Health and Counseling at Bemidji State University currently offers free tobacco cessation programs for students; and

**Whereas** the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) hosts events that involve Traditional Indian Pipe Smoking on a monthly basis;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the BSUSA Student Senate supports the continuation of Traditional Indian Pipe Smoking at AIRC events; and

**Therefore be it further resolved** that the BSUSA Student Senate supports a 30 foot No Smoking Rule near building entrances effective August 23, 2010; and

**Therefore be it further resolved** that the BSUSA Student Senate supports a new Designated Smoking Area Policy on campus effective January 10, 2011; and

**Therefore be it further resolved** that the BSUSA Student Senate supports Bemidji State University becoming a 100% Smoke Free Campus effective May 6, 2011.

*First Reading: 4/21/2010*

*Moved to Emergency Agenda: 4/21/2010*

*Discussion: See minutes from 4/21/2010*

*Amendment: Changed May 7, 2010 in second "be it resolved" to August 23, 2010*

*Vote: Voice*

**Result:** *Passes*

**Date:** 4/21/2010