

Memorandum:

To: Dr. Jon Quistgaard, President of Bemidji State University

CC: Mary Tosch, Advisor; Dr. Lisa Erwin, Vice President of Student Development & Enrollment; William Maki, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dr. Chris Brown, IFO President; Dr. Nancy Erikson, Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Senior Senator Asher Kingery

Subject: Smoke-free Policy

Date: May 4, 2010

The BSUSA Student Senate would like to see Bemidji State University become a smoke-free campus by Fall of 2011. Over the school year, Student Senate researched smoking bans on other campuses and gathered data through a student survey. With the information gathered and understanding the well-documented risks of smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke, it is clear that students here at BSU support the idea of a smoking ban. With hundreds of colleges across the country already implementing similar policies, there is an overwhelming amount of support for on-campus tobacco restrictions. Over the next year, Student Senate would like to see 1) initially, a 30-foot No Smoking Rule near building entrances, 2) moving to, only designated smoking areas on campus, and 3) finally, implementing a smoke-free policy where no smoking would be allowed on campus.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to hearing back from you.