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**Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Initiative**

In the Senate of the Student Government Association

of BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

February 20, 2015

Submitted by Senator Forouzanfar and Senator Fowler to the BCSG Senate

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**A Resolution**

Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Initiative

*Whereas,* Bakersfield College has a responsibility to its students and employees to provide a safe and healthy learning environment focusing on bettering the minds, bodies and spirit;

*Whereas,* tobacco is still the highest risk factor in the leading cause of death as research findings show that tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke constitute a significant health hazard;

*Whereas,* the college years (18-24 years old) have been identified as a time of increased smoking initiation and transition to regular tobacco use;

*Whereas,* AB795 allows for UC’s, CSU’s and CCC’s the ability to set and impose standards regarding tobacco use and to impose fines;

*Whereas,* Bakersfield College will join the ranks of nearly 1,500 colleges and universities (tobaccofreecampus.org) that have adopted a Tobacco Free or Smoke Free Policy;

*Whereas,* Bakersfield College is invested, not only in academic achievement, but also in developing life skills that will promote individual and community wellness as good health is as important as academic skills in future growth and success;

*Whereas,* the Bakersfield College join other institutions in the state of California to instill a tobacco smoke free initiative;

*Whereas,* BCSGA supports Bakersfield College Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Initiative;

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association,* that we are in support of the new Bakersfield College Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Initiative and policy;

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association* that this resolution be sent to, Dr. Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College, Dr. Zav Dadabhoy, Vice President of Student Affairs, Cindy Collier, Dean of Allied Health.

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