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Tobacco Free Campus Committee

Le Moyne College Campus Tobacco Survey

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SUMMARY

The Tobacco Free Campus committee developed the current survey to measure opinions and attitudes of faculty and staff regarding tobacco use and the College Smoking Policy and guide proposed changes to current policy. All current, active Le Moyne College employees were surveyed. The survey ran from August 15 through September 10, 2012. 431 employees out of a possible 942 responded to the survey for a response rate of 46 percent.

- Fifty-two percent of respondents were female and 48% were male.
- Ninety-six percent of respondents identified as using no tobacco products at all.
- Four percent (n = 16) of respondents identified as smokers; one percent (n = 3) use smokeless or chew tobacco products.

Those respondents identifying as using some kind of tobacco product:

- Seventy-six percent (n = 13) of respondents identified as **a frequent smoker/tobacco**.
- Seventy-two percent (n = 13) of respondents identified as using tobacco products *daily*.
- Twenty-four percent (n = 4) of responded **Yes** to the "**Do you want to quit smoking/using tobacco**" item; 24% (n = 4) responded **No**.
- Seventy-two percent (n = 13) of respondents identified cigarettes as a tobacco products have you used in the last three months. Several use more than one tobacco product.

All respondents:

- Thirty-nine percent of all respondents favor a *tobacco-free* campus.
- Fourteen percent of respondents favor a **smoke-free** campus.
- Thirty-one percent of all respondents favor *limiting tobacco use on campus and create tobacco-friendly zones* campus.
- Fifteen percent of respondents favor maintaining the current campus tobacco policy.
- Those respondents identifying as smokers favor, equally (n = 8), limiting tobacco use on campus and create tobacco-friendly zones and maintaining the current campus tobacco policy. One would favor a smoke-free campus.

- Seventy-eight percent of all respondents would **Likely/Very Likely** support a *tobacco-free policy* on the Le Moyne College campus.
- Eighty-one percent of all respondents would **Likely/Very Likely** support a **smoke-free policy** on the Le Moyne College campus.
- Eighty-three (n = 15) percent of those respondents identifying as smokers would be **Not Likely/Not** at **All Likely** to support a **tobacco-free policy** on the Le Moyne College campus.
- Eighty-three (n = 15) percent of those respondents identifying as smokers would be **Not Likely/Not** at **All Likely** to support a **smoke-free policy** on the Le Moyne College campus.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender	N	%
Female	224	52
Male	207	48
Total	431	100

Ethnicity	N	%	
Asian	13	3	
Black	11	3	
Hispanic	6	1	
Native American	2	0	
Unknown	9	2	
White	390	90	
Total	431	100	

Age	N	%
30 or Younger	36	8
31 to 40	72	17
41 to 50	106	25
51 to 60	145	34
61 to 65	47	11
Older than 65	25	6
Total	431	100

Division	N	%
Academic	40	9
Arts and Sciences	168	39
Campus Services	20	5
Enrollment Management	38	9
Finance	33	8
Institutional Advancement	26	6
Madden School	9	2
Misc	4	1
President	24	6
Student Development	52	12
Unknown	17	4
Total	431	100

SURVEY RESULTS

Do you currently smoke?

	N	%
Yes	16	4
No	415	96
Total	431	100

Do you currently use any smokeless or chew tobacco products?

	N	%
Yes	3	1
No	428	99
Total	431	100

	Currently Smokes	Uses smokeless/chew tobacco products	Currently Smokes <u>and</u> Uses smokeless/ chew tobacco products	Total
	N	N	N	
Female	8	1	0	9
Male	7	1	1	9
				18

Which best describes you?

	N	%
I am a frequent smoker/tobacco user.	13	72
I am an occasional smoker/ tobacco user.	4	22
I am a former smoker/ tobacco user.	1	6
Total	18	100

Do you use tobacco?

	Ν	%
Daily	13	76
1-2 days during the week	1	6
3 or more days a week	2	12
Rarely	1	6
Total	17	100

Do you want to quit smoking/using tobacco?

	N	%
Yes	4	24
Maybe	9	53
No	4	24
Total	17	100

If you use tobacco, which of the following tobacco products have you used in the last three months? (*choose all that apply*):

	Ν	%
Cigarettes	13	72
Cigars	5	28
Smokeless Tobacco	2	11
Tobacco Pipes	1	6
Other	3	17

If *Other*, please explain:

See Appendix B

If you smoke, where do you smoke on campus? (*choose all that apply*):

	N	%
Campus bus stops	1	6
Campus parking lots	5	28
Campus sporting events	1	6
Entrances to campus buildings	6	33
Outdoor campus seating areas	5	28
Walking across campus	6	33
I don't smoke while on campus	2	11
Other	3	17

If *Other*, please explain:

See Appendix C

Which of the following are you most in favor of?

	N	%
Create a tobacco-free campus (Use of any tobacco product - including cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, pipes - is not permitted in any campus buildings nor any outdoor grounds).	166	39
Create a smoke-free campus (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings nor any outdoor grounds).	61	14
Limit tobacco use on campus and create tobacco-friendly zones (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings and smoking outdoors will be limited to specific areas).	133	31
Maintain the current campus tobacco policy (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings.).	64	15
Total	424	100

How likely are you to support a *tobacco-free policy* on the Le Moyne College campus?

	N	%
Very Likely	234	55
Likely	99	23
Not Likely	67	16
Not at All Likely	26	6
Total	426	100

How likely are you to support a **smoke-free policy** on the Le Moyne College campus?

	N	%
Very Likely	266	62
Likely	80	19
Not Likely	56	13
Not at All Likely	24	6
Total	426	100

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding tobacco policy or practices on campus please include them in the box below:

See Appendix D

Appendix A

Copy of Survey



Dear Colleagues,

In alignment with the OneLeMoyne Strategic Plan, and our efforts to provide a vibrant college community, the College has established a Tobacco Free Campus committee. This committee has been asked to study current campus tobacco use and propose changes to campus policy that will best reflect the needs and interests of our campus community.

The committee has developed the following survey regarding tobacco use and the College Smoking Policy. This data is being collected to provide a comprehensive view from the campus on this issue that will help guide any proposed changes to current policy. The committee will be presenting its findings and proposed changes to the Cabinet later this Fall.

Your participation in this process and feedback in this issue is important and will be greatly appreciated. You can help us by answering the following questions; please click on the *next* button, below.

Sincerely,

Tobacco Free Campus Committee

Tobacco Use		
Do you currently smoke?	Yes ○	No O

Tobacco Use		
Do you currently use any smokeless or chew tobacco products?	Yes ○	No O

Tobacco Use		
Do you currently use any smokeless or chew tobacco products?	Yes ○	No O

Which best describes you?	
O I am a frequent smoker/tobacco user.	
O I am an occasional smoker/ tobacco user.	
O I am a former smoker/ tobacco user.	

Tobacco Use

Do you use tobacco?

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- $^{\circ}$ 1-2 days during the week
- 3 or more days a week
- Rarely

Tobacco Use
Do you want to quit smoking/using tobacco? O Yes O Maybe O No
If you use tobacco, which of the following tobacco products have you used in the last three months? (choose all that apply): □ Cigarettes
 □ Cigars □ Smokeless Tobacco □ Tobacco Pipes □ Other

If *Other*, please explain:

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Tobacco Use
If you smoke, where do you smoke on campus? (choose all that apply):
□ Campus bus stops
☐ Campus parking lots
☐ Campus sporting events
☐ Entrances to campus buildings
☐ Outdoor campus seating areas
☐ Walking across campus
☐ I don't smoke while on campus
□ Other

If *Other*, please explain:

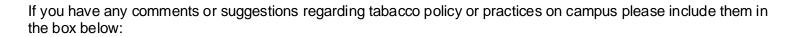
Policy

Which of the following are you most in favor of?
Create a tobacco-free campus (Use of any tobacco product - including cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, pipes - is not permitted in any campus buildings nor any outdoor grounds).
○ Create a smoke-free campus (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings nor any outdoor grounds).
Climit tobacco use on campus and create tobacco-friendly zones (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings and smoking outdoors will be limited to specific areas).
O Maintain the current campus tobacco policy (Smoking is not permitted in any campus buildings.).
How likely are you to support a tobacco-free policy on the Le Moyne College campus?
○ Very Likely
○ Likely
O Not Likely
O Not at All Likely
How likely are you to support a smoke-free policy on the Le Moyne College campus?

Very LikelyLikelyNot Likely

O Not at All Likely

Thank You



Thank you again for participating, your assistance is sincerely appreciated!

Please be certain you click the 'Submit' button below when you are finished.

Appendix B
If you use tobacco, which of the following tobacco products have you used in the last three months? If Other , please explain:

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e-cigarette
electronic cigarettes - nicotine vapor is tobacco free
hand rolled

Appendix C	
If you smoke, where do you smoke on campus? If <i>Other</i> , please explain:	

If you smoke, where do you smoke on campus? If *Other*, please explain:

Back of building
In My Car
In offices
on Jesuit Residence property

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A smoke free campus will promote healthy lifestyles that will be beneficial for the entire campus community. Wonderful idea to implement this policy/ practice on campus!

All should have the freedom to smoke or chew as long as they respect my right to not be exposed to their 2nd hand smoke or the unsightly discarding of cigarette butts all over campus. Our one Lemoyne emphasis includes presenting a beautiful campus to all that come here to visit, work, or study. It is an arrogant attitude to simply throw these butts or any other tobacco waste on the ground for someone else to pick them up. The currant policy might be modified to warn of a completely tabacco free campus if smokers continue to disrespect with their practice of throwing butts all over campus. Seeing container with chewing tabacco spit left around is even worse. Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

'All, too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression.' Thomas Jefferson

Although I think begin tobacco free is desirable, there are people who use these products and would find it difficult to go through a whole day without them. I think they need a space to express their habit, but it should be limited so as not to infringe on the air quality of non-smokers.

Although smoking is a dangerous habit, I don't think that we should regulate it beyond ensuring that non-smokers are not exposed to harmful second-hand smoke. Forcing smokers off-campus to indulge would lessen productivity.

Any change in policy should be preceded by community wide education - over a sidnificant period of time. Also, as these restrictive policies are becoming more widespread on college campuses I think that it would be helpful to share with the

As a former smoker I understand those that wish to smoke. I don't feel anyone should not be allowed or banished - but they should have locations designated to do so, that will not disturb or negate others space.

As much as I want to discourage unhealthy habits, I also am wary of excessive 'policing,' which can have unintended and negative consequences, and treats adults in an institution comprised of adults as if they are not adults.

As the lead groundskeeper I am very tired of always having to pick up cigarette butts by the main entrances to all of the buildings. I am also tired of picking up empty packs and chewing tobacco cans, as well as containers being used to spit into. I do not appreciate people who smoke in the college vehicles either. We have had trouble this year with people starting fires in the mulch because of discarded cigarettes. Lets clean up our campus and keep it clean!

Even araes designated for smoking interferes with others walking by. And then there's the butt litter.

Good luck and I appreciate your taking an interest in this for the health of all students and staff and our environment.

Great Idea!

Having clearly marked smoking areas will allow smokers to adhere to campus policies and alert nonsmokers to areas where there may be smoke. Also, for this climate, perhaps considering a sheltered outdoor area will deter smokers from huddling near building overhangs and entrances.

How tough it is to be in a decision-making role for other peoples' behaviors such as smoking. To totally ban smoking or tobacco use of any kind seems somewhat discriminating. Although tobacco use is unhealthy, so is drinking, overeating and not exercising but we can't make people stop or start these behaviors. If Le Moyne remained a limited tobacco use campus then I just ask that I not be exposed to it in any way. I don't want to walk through a doorway while smokers are puffing away and then have to smell like smoke all day. I don't want to walk through a doorway to a place where I am going to eat or

spend time in a meeting and have the smoke waft in through cracks or every time the door is opened. I don't want to open a window and have smoke wafting in. If there is to be a designated area for smoking then let it be somewhere separate from where non-smokers are.

I already completed this survey last week. Hopefully, this time it will take!

I am delighted that the College is gathering information on this chronic and expensive health care issue. Certain doorways and ventilation systems in some buildings draw cigarette smoke from outside INTO the hallways and rooms. Second-hand smoke is a serious issue for asthmatics. Providing cigarette butt trash cans, and/or spittoons for chewing tobacco, forces non-tobacco useres to walk through other people's barbage. It's akin to walking by a visible pile of used band-aids.

I am highly allergic to tobacco smoke and would appreciate a smoke free campus/working conditions.

I am in favor of a drug free campus which would include smoke-free and alcohol-free campus.

I am in full support of a smoke-free environment. The choice to smoke is personal, however the by-products affect the entire community.

I am no longer officially affiliated with Le Moyne College and will be on campus rarely. Therefore, I leave the decisions about tobacco policy to those who will be immediately affected.

I am not a smoker and think that smoking could be detrimental to people's health. However, my unfavorable opinion about smoking should not affect or violate smokers' rights; they should be allowed to smoke outside or in designated areas. While I agree that campus dormitories, residence halls, cafeterias, offices should be 100% smoke-free, that college students are heavily targeted by tobacco industry as potential customers, a dangerous situation in itself, and that secondhand smoke is a real hazard, I have serious problems with any form of coercion. It is better, I believe, to educate people and convince them to abandon certain habits than to force them do so. The real glory, Victor Hugo said, is to convince not to coerce.

I am not in favor of completely restricting smokers personal choice to smoke and therefore choose the option that limits where they can do so.

I believe it is best to provide areas for those who choose to use tabacco have a place to go.

I believe its necessary to have a tabacco policy here on campus. Everyone is effected by smoke whether they are the smoker, 2nd hand, or friend and family member who has loss someone due to tabacco intake.

i believe the campus should not actively marginalize any group of people, including smokers. However, due to the health risks involved to 3rd parties, there must be limits to where people may smoke. Therefore, it is my belief that Le Moyne College should allow smoking outdoors, where the smoke will dissipate rapidly, and ban smoking in enclosed spaces.

I feel all tabacco products are unsafe. I am glad Le Moyne is trying to be atleast smoke free.

I have never smoked and I have no understanding of what it feels like to crave a cigarette. Because of this, I really should not vote to ban smoking for those who do need to have a smoke while working on campus or living in the dorm. I feel we need to have a policy that is tolerant of those who truly need to satisfy their 'addiction' while giving them responsibility to others. This is ironic coming from me because I have zero tolerance of smokers within my space.

I myself find tobacco smoke annoying and I avoid it as much as possible. Banning smoking on campus, however, seems unrealistic.

I only rarely encounter people smoking on campus, and so I would be hesitant to support a complete ban. That seems excessive. The current policy seems sufficient.

I personally don't use any tobacco products and don't like them and so would prefer it if people didn't smoke, but I'm a little leery about taking away an individual freedom. So if you instituted a policy of no tobacco on campus, while I would be happy to adhere to that myself, I'm not sure I want to impose that on other people.

I personally find cigarette smoke very noxious and would fully support a campus ban on it.

I recognize that smokers may have a need to smoke during the work day but my problem is that I don't want to breathe in the smoke. When people smoke just outside of the entrance to a building or when they smoke below a window it can impact those who do not smoke. I do not like to walk through a cluster of smokers gathered by a door. Thank you for taking this issue on and for listening to everyone.

I support tobacco free because it is the healthy way to go and because I am a non smoker.

Considerations need to include: where will those who are addicted to tobacco be able to go to feed their addition; what support can be provided to help people with stopping their tobacco habit; what impact might tobacco free have on future enrollment; what kind of appropriate notice will be provided; what are other college campuses doing along these lines.

I think going totally tobacco-free should be gradual as some folks will have difficulty being successful should the policy change abruptly. If this is the plan then we should also begin to market this to future students so they are not surprised when they get here.

I think it is very important to provide support to those who wish to quit using tobacco and to be encouraging rather than punitive.

I think limiting smokers to areas outdoors is a good idea. I believe smokers should not be forced off campus to smoke.

I think smoking huts or domes, in designated areas, would be useful, so at least those who do smoke would have limited and restricted spots to go and wouldn't be forced inconveniently to leave the campus. These spots should be well away from building entrances as walking through a cloud of smoke into a building is quite annoying. It could be useful to fine people a small amount if they refuse to smoke in a designated smoking area or frequently violate it. However if a large number of people were to continually violate such a plan then it would make sense to make the entire campus smoke free.

I think the smoking area would be fair, but as to whether that will occur we shall see.

I think there should be some area for smokers on campus

I think there should be some outdoor, but covered, areas where smoking would be permitted. Perhaps in winter there could be a limited number of indoor spaces where smoking would be permitted.

I understand if someone has smoked for years it is very difficult to quit. I think as long as people are considerate of others they should be able to smoke in certain areas.

I view this issues very much like I view my own weight issues, which I have managed effectively for the past 18 years or so. We all know that excess weight and tobacco are not good for our health. I am a political liberal who believes in individual responsibility. Those who are engaging willingly in health risky behavior are driving up all of our health care costs. I hope we can have a tobacco free culture on campus. Enough said.

I would be highly supportive of a smoke free campus. It is very unpleasant and even more unhealthy to have to walk through clouds of smoke every time you enter or exit a building. Too often cigarette butts are thrown on the ground. The current policy of being 50 ft from a building it not followed by most smokers and I do not feel that 50 ft for a building is enough! Also college vehicles end up smelling like smoke from certain individuals that smoke and use the college vehicles.

I would love a totally tobacco free campus. It's not good for people's health and it's not pleasant to be around the waste and lingering odors. I'm just not sure how fair it is to make people that are addicted go through an entire day without having somewhere to smoke. Some people have worked here for years and may have a real hard time with that.

I would note that smoke affects others negatively and so should be regulated. Non-smoking use of tobacco, while not smart, does not have such an effect on others, and regulating it would seem to violate personal freedom.

I would very much appreciate not having to walk through someone's smoke. The smells lingers and makes me gag... Please make this a smoke free environment........

If limiting smoking to restricted areas - current policy is not enforced - I presently get second hand smoke in my window often (located near a building entrance).

If the status-quo is maintained, can smoking at least be prohibited in the walkway area connecting the Science Center to Grewen. The smoke just comes down the third floor Science Center hallway every time the door is opened, and it is really, really smelly and headachy.

If you can convince people to not smoke near main entrances, this would be a plus. The only harm smokeless tobacco causes is to the user. It should not be included in the policy. A nice talk about this during Freshmen orientation will solve most of this problem and, while you're at it, please tell them to stop throwing gum on the sidewalks and brick. The maintenance workers pick up butts individually with the grabby-thing. Wouldn't it make more sense to just sweep them? Maybe they are trying to kill time. If you do designate a smoking area, do so away from the buildings. But I would prefer a smoke free campus.

I'm not one to want to control other people's choices.

In all my 19 years here, I think I have seen up to 7 smokers and one quit. I never saw it with the students as I am not in that area. At huge events with picnics, Dolphy Day, it didn't seem popular and can not recall a smoker. If students are the biggest problem, then yes I think it needs to be handled like most public areas handle it - in buildings, close to door ways - no - games - walk away etc.

In my opinion, smokers have the right to smoke and should be allowed to do so in designated areas. They should be stripped of the priviledge of smoking on campus entirely.

In the interests of serving 'the whole person' I would like to see more urgent pedagogy on campus to inform about the deadly nature of smoking- that damage is done right now that has consequences years later- a pedagogy that would effectively counter students' complaints that smoke-free policies are impinging on their rights, or that the college is acting like an invasive nanny. Thank you! -Jim Dahlinger, SJ

It is not healthy to smoke. The after effects of smoking will affect you and others around you and can kill them/you. Do us all a favor, don't smoke. - a former 1 year smoker from years ago. It really stinks! It is understandable to want to keep the building smoke and tobacco product free, but to deny smokers (who are essentially addicts) access to any area on campus to indulge their habit is a bit unfair as long as tobacco is legal.

It's a free country, as long as smokers smoke away from us I'm OK with it.

Keep the current policy in place.

Limiting areas for people to smoke at least allows smokers to not be completely ostracized in their own college community. To make campus tobacco- or smoke-free seems like it might demonize smoking rather than shedding light on the fact is is unhealthy, which in turn doesn't foster an environment receptive to education on reducing smoking among students and staff.

More power to you. Should have been done earlier.

My concern would be that employee, and students would use the surounding area, such as a bus stop, or someones front yard to stand and smoke. This may not develope a positive relationship with our neighbors. I would believe that a contract between the employee/student that smoking any where on property or within viewing distance would have to be part of the smoking on campus policy.

My only reason for not selecting 'smoke free' campus is because I know of at least one student who is a recovered alcoholic. Often, recovered alcoholics switch one addiction for another, and it is very difficult to refrain from smoking. This particular student has been sober for a while now, but I think it would be very difficult to go cold turkey and give up smoking entirely. Having limited, designated smoking spaces keeps this one sober.

none

People are going to smoke no matter what. Let's be reasonable. Who has time or funding to enforce

stict rules. I am in favor of providing smokers with receptables to dispose of their butts properly. Outside smoking should be allowed but they should be required to stay from office windows and areas of high traffic. (Something like 20 feet away from buildings.)

Please check spelling of important words in tobacco surveys.

Please do not include electronic cigarettes in the ban; there is a great deal of misinformation out there about these devices and it would be unjustified to include them in the ban.

Please make this happen! The health issues associated with smoking are enough reason to promote no smoking and no tobacco on campus.

Smokers are going to smoke! If we don't provide designated smoking areas, away from campus building entrances, they will find less favorable places to smoke (i.e. restrooms, under doorway overhangs) just to have a 'quick puff'. I'd rather keep the smoke out of the majority of lungs (not to mention my own!) while giving smokers a chance to exercise their free will.

Smokers should not be permitted to smoke at the entrance to Grewan near the bicycle rack. After biking to campus, it is not pleasant to breath in clouds of smoke.

Smoking is an addiction. While I do not feel that non-smokers such as myself should be subjected to smoke-filled, indoor environments, I think that it is cruel to promote anxiety by preventing smoking addicts from using legal substances in the open air. As long as we do not outlaw cars and trucks (especially nauseating diesel fumes) on campus, we have no business outlawing tobacco products which are far less harmful to the environment.

Some student have decided to smoke before they come to LeMoyne. A smoke free campus will deter some students who would come here to go somewhere else. To bacco is a legal drug with an age factor. If a smoke free campus is going to happen you should also look at your Dolph E day alcohol comsumption of minors as that also has an age factor. Do you think any one would participate if Security was to bust every under age student that had a drink in there hand as long as they weren't causing problems? Smokers should have that same right as long as they are not infringing on someone else's space. (A convenient designated area) Maybe a rethink of all recreation on campus should be scanned.

The current policy is not working. People may stand several feet away from entrances to smoke, however, if the doors are open like they are during the summer, and the wind is blowing towards the buildings, smoke gets into the buildings any way. I have had to close the main doors on several occasions as the smoke seeps back into the building and under my office door. This is a huge issue as tobacco smoke is one of my migraine triggers. On other occasions, people stand right beside the doors, especially in winter, which again defeats the purpose. Better enforcement is needed.

the distance at which smoking is permitted near entry ways should be increased and strictly enforced if smoking continues on the campus

The no smoking policy needs to be enforced.

There are no scientific claims about noxious effects of second hand smoke outdoors: such a connection is spurious since car exhaust, barbecues, lawnmowers and hundred other things affect our lungs far more than the passing waft of a cigarette. A policy that forbids smoking inside buildings is more than enough. I am not a smoker, nor I have ever smoked, but this effort to marginalize smokers even though their choice only affects themselves strikes me as a double standard (for a campus that has a bar in the middle of the student center and a donut shop as the student food anchor!C'mon!) and a societal visceral reaction that is motivated by a misguided puritanism rather than reason. Live and let live. We should look at our own choices before we criticize the choices of others. I am far more affected by the poor meals we get on campus than passing by, for a fraction of a second, by someone who is smoking outside.

This is such an important issue! I am honored to participate!

Though I'm not a smoker and abhor smoking, I am wary of supporting extreme policies that go beyond protecting non-smokers from second-hand smoke. It seems like banning smoking and related activities from all campus grounds (though it would probably be great for the health of college students in the long

run) is paternalistic and infringes on an individual's rights to do what is legal, even if what's legal isn't good for him/her.

To smoke or not to smoke is a personal choice. I respect that. To endanger the health of others is not acceptable. Therefore, to limit smoking to outdoors, as it was up to now, is a good policy. I support that.

tobacco free campus

Tobacco is a powerful addiction and even those who are struggling to quit have difficulty. To completely ban it from campus would create extremely cranky students and/or employees and may promote people 'sneaking' a cigarette in dorm rooms or offices. If there is a tobacco-friendly area, this can be avoided. At the same time, proactive education from the Wellness Center can support those who are trying to quit. I suggest such a balanced approach.

Tobacco smokers on this campus have always been considerate of non-smokers. Non-smokers should show the same consideration to smokers.

Vices must not be encouraged, especially at a Jesuit institution. Yes, I hate smelling smoke and I am aware that 2nd-hand smoke can harm us. However, we also have to be careful not to ostracize or shun a smoker. They have an addiction and need to get through the day on campus. Please consider that assigned, outdoor locations for smokers draw attention to the smokers in a manner of public shame. I think (other than marked no-smoking areas near building intake vents) people should be allowed to smoke anywhere outside on campus.

Wellness considerations for our community should trump personal choice to use tobacco. These products also contribute to trash on our grounds.

When I started teaching at LeMoyne in the 1970's smoking was allowed everywhere. Individual professors could restrict smoking in their classroom, but students could still stand in the hall smoking until class began. Also the teacher in the room the hour before could have allowed smoking. The situation was thoroughly IMPOSSIBLE. Even when I was pregnant, I couldn't get my colleagues to restrict smoking in the hall where our offices were, and I had to go home everyday as early as possible with a splitting headache because of the smoke -- which I was also allergic to. People now cannot believe that we had such an impossible situation, and no one expects to smoke inside any building. Times have changed for the better. I think that when we make the campus smoke-free -- or better yet, tobacco free -- there will be an adjustment period, but people will get used to it and will wonder why we ever allowed such unhealthy and anti-social behavior in the first place!!!

While I don't use tobacco myself and generally find the smell of tobacco smoke rather offensive, I also think that its use is a personal choice. Providing that tobacco is not used indoors, that smoke does not enter buildings from outside, and that people can avoid breathing it in while passing into or out of buildings, I think the choice of its use should remain up to the individual.

While I recognize that cigarettes and tobacco are legal, as a licensed Physician Assistant I cannot support their use by anyone. I see the harmful effects of their use everyday.

Would love to have a smoke free campus