# FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force 2014 Campus Survey



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#### Survey Methods and Introduction

This report provides responses from students, faculty and staff attending courses or working at the FHSU main campus, University Farm, the Kansas Wetlands Education Center during the Fall 1014 semester.

The survey was administered via the Web. Three waves of data collection were administered. The first wave was emailed to potential respondents on November 17, 2014. The second wave was emailed to non-responders on December 1, 2014. The third wave was emailed on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The final response was received on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The total sample size was 5,618 students, faculty and staff. From the first and second waves, 854 responses were recorded. The third wave resulted in 134 additional responses. Eighteen respondents completed the survey twice. The second response from these 18 respondents were removed from the data set, providing a sample of 970 responses and a Margin of Error of +/- 2.98%. The cooperation rate was 17%.

Univariate analysis begins on the next page – providing each survey question and the frequencies of responses. For example, Figure 3 (page 3) shows that about 56% of respondents were students, 23% were staff, and 21% were faculty or administration.

Bivariate analysis was conducted to show correlation between position (student, staff, or faculty) and selected questions that provide high levels of statistical significance. For example, Figure 33 (page 18) show a statistically significant relationship between position and support for a tobacco-free campus, with students being less likely to support such a policy, in general.

Starting on page 26, figures show statistically significant responses to student rank (first year, second year, etc.) and other survey questions. For example, Figure 48 (page 26) shows a statistically significant relationship between tobacco usage and student rank, with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students indicating higher levels of tobacco usage than other students, in general.

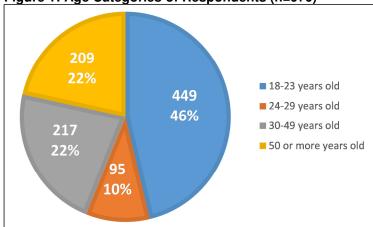
The Appendices A-C show the open-ended responses to the survey questions. Appendix D provided the survey instrument.

# 2014 Survey Results - Univariate Analysis

This sections of the report provides the findings from each survey question. The question order replicates the survey instrument (See Appendix D).

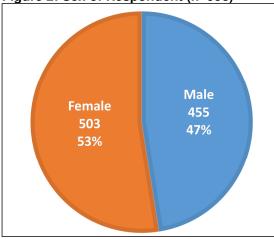
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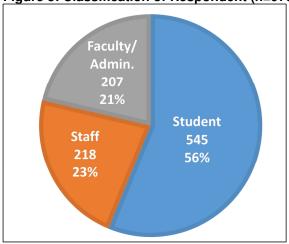
### Q2. Are you male or female?

Figure 2: Sex of Respondent (n=958)



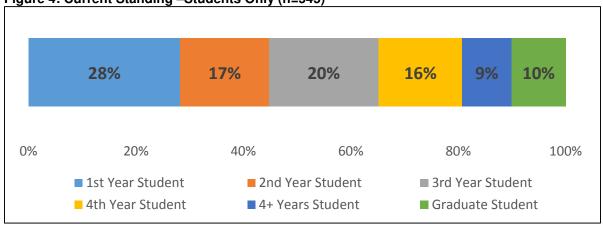
## Q3. Which of the below best describes you?

Figure 3: Classification of Respondent (n=970)



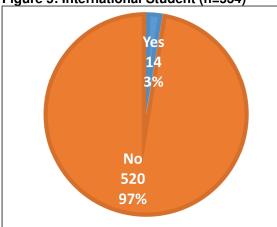
# Q4. Which best describes your current standing:

Figure 4: Current Standing –Students Only (n=545)



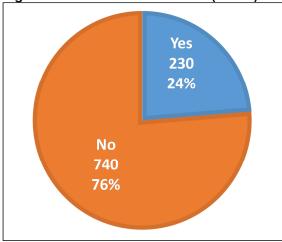
# Q5. Are you an International Student?

Figure 5: International Student (n=534)



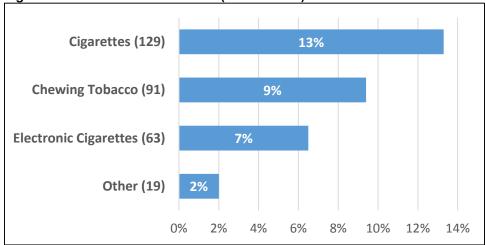
Q6. Do you currently use any tobacco-related products like those described below?[Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]

Figure 6: Use Tobacco Products (n=970)



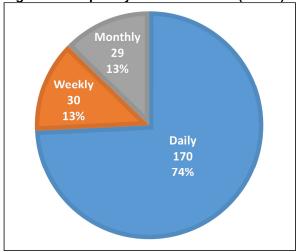
Q7. Which of the following tobacco-related products do you use?[Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]





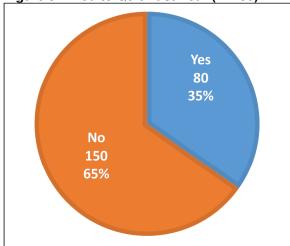
Q8. How often do you use tobacco-related products?[Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]

Figure 8: Frequency of Tobacco Use (n=229)



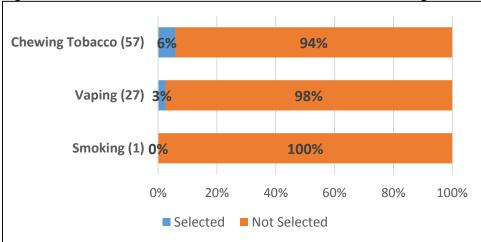
Q9. In the past 12 months have you tried to quit using tobacco-related products?[Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]

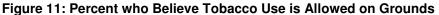




Q10. Please select the following statements that best represent your understanding of current policy with regard to the use of tobacco-related products at FHSU. (Check all that apply.) [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]

Figure 10: Percent who Believe Tobacco Use is Allowed in Buildings





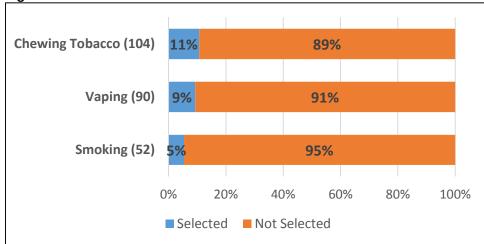


Figure 12: Percent who Believe Tobacco Use is Allowed at Athletic Venues

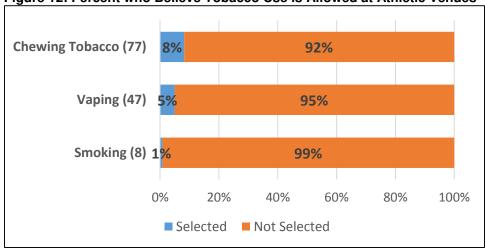
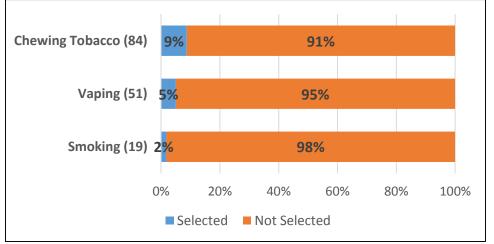
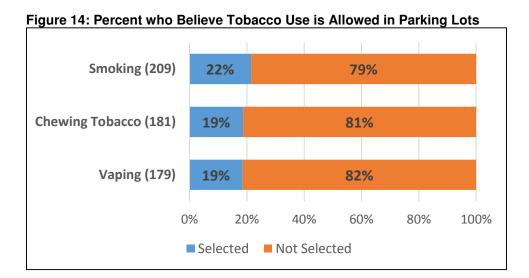
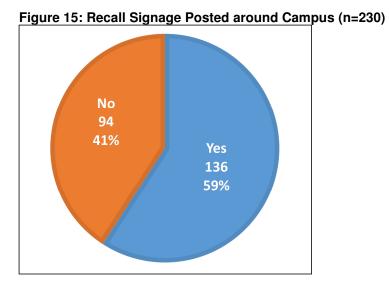


Figure 13: Percent who Believe Tobacco Use is Allowed on the University Farm





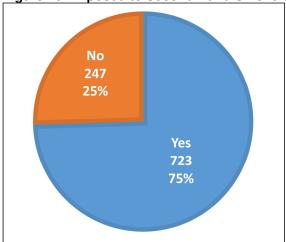
Q11. Do you recall seeing signs posted around campus regarding tobacco use?



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Q12. Have you ever been exposed to second-hand smoke on the campus of FHSU?

Figure 16: Exposed to Second Hand Smoke on Campus (n=970)



Q13. Where have you been exposed to second hand smoke on the campus of FHSU? (Check all that apply)

Figure 17: Exposure to Second Hand Smoke on Campus (Percent Yes)

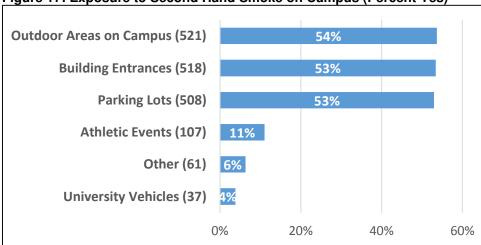


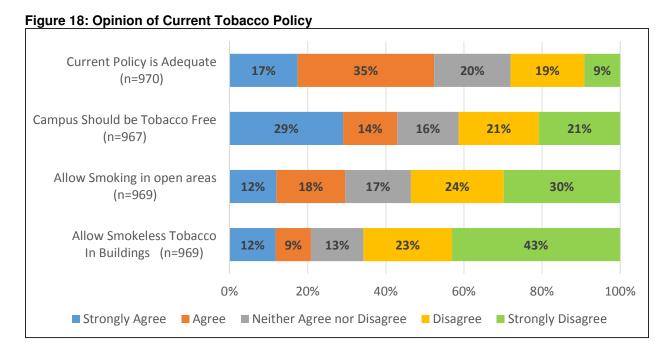
Table 1: Other Exposure to Second Hand Smoke

	Freq.	Percent
Outdoors (Non- Designated Smoking Areas)	39	63.9%
3rd Hand Smoke, Indoors	5	8.2%
Outdoors (Designated Smoking Areas)	5	8.2%
Indoors, Legally (Old Tobacco Policy)	5	8.2%
Indoors, Illegally (Current Tobacco Policy)	5	8.2%
_Other	2	3.3%
Total	61	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup>a full list of comments can be found in Appendix A

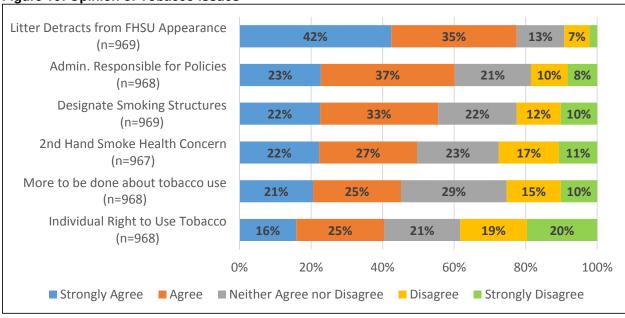
Q14. Current FHSU Policy on Tobacco Usage is the following: "Smoking and the use of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and any other nicotine delivery device, except for smoking cessation aids are prohibited in all Fort Hays State University buildings and facilities." "Smoking is only permitted [...] in designated parking lots."

We are interested in your general impressions of current policy. Please indicated if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:



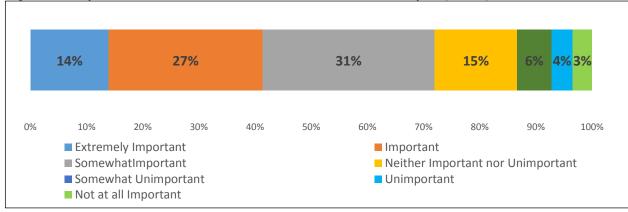
Q15. We are interested in your opinions about a few other tobacco-related issues. Please indicated if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:





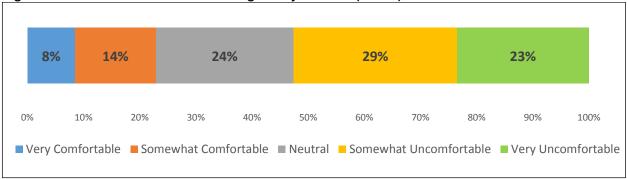
Q16. The issue of tobacco use on the FHSU campus is \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

Figure 20: Importance of the Issue of Tobacco use on FHSU Campus (n=968)



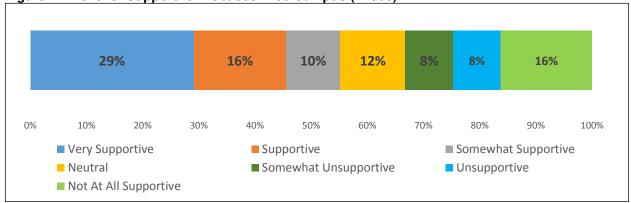
Q17. Imagine that you witnessed someone violating FHSU tobacco policy on campus. How comfortable would you be with speaking to that person about the policy?

Figure 21: Level of Comfort Confronting Policy Violator (n=966)



Q18. How supportive are you of a tobacco-free policy on the campus of FHSU - prohibiting all tobacco usage from all campus property?

Figure 22: Level of Support for Tobacco-Free Campus (n=966)



Q19. If a tobacco-free policy was put in place, which of the following would be the best way(s) to enforce that policy? (Check all that apply.)

Figure 23: Best Method of Enforcement for Tobacco-Free Policy (Percent Yes)

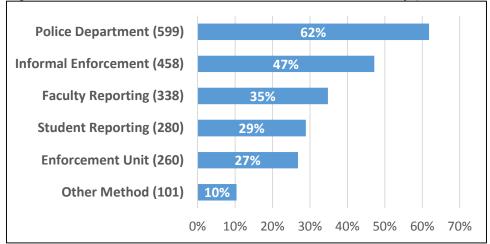


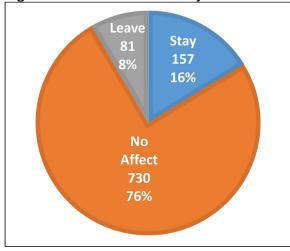
Table 2: Other Method of Enforcement of Tobacco-Free Policy

	Freq.	Percent
Cannot/Should Not Enforce	60	62%
Signage/Designated Smoking Areas	10	10%
Education/Self-Discipline	9	9%
Batman or Death Squad	6	6%
Other	6	6%
Specific University Staff	5	5%
_Don't Know	1	1%
Total	97	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup>a full list of comments can be found in Appendix B

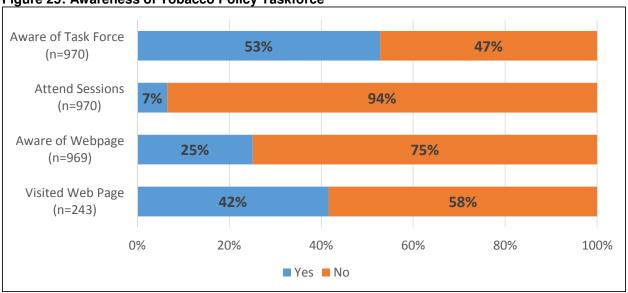
Q20. How would the implementation of a tobacco-free policy influence your decision to continue attending school or working at FHSU?

Figure 24: Tobacco-Free Policy Influence Affiliation with FHSU (n=968)



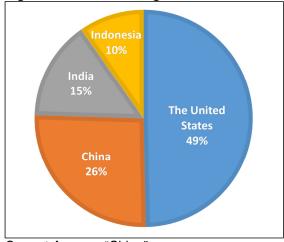
- Q21. Before receiving this survey, were you aware of FHSU's Tobacco Policy Task Force?
- Q22. Did you attend any of the information sessions held on campus October 20th and 21st?
- Q23. Were you aware of the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force web page (http://www.fhsu.edu/tobacco-policy/) before receiving this survey?
- Q24. Have you visited the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force Web page?

Figure 25: Awareness of Tobacco Policy Taskforce



Q25. We have a few questions that will help us understand tobacco knowledge across campus. The next four questions are a quiz. Please try to select the correct answer to each question. Our first question is... This country is currently the leading producer of tobacco:

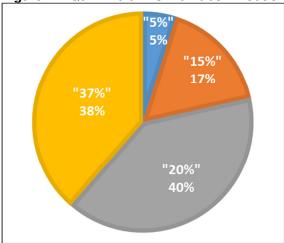
Figure 26: Quiz: Leading Producer of Tobacco (n=958)



Correct Answer: "China"

Q26: Malawi also produces a lot of tobacco. About \_\_\_\_\_ of children aged from 5 and 15 work as laborers in tobacco production (earning 17 cents a day)

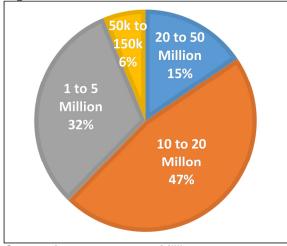
Figure 27: Quiz: Malawi Child Labor Producing Tobacco (n=950)



Correct Answer: "37%"

Q27. The number of trees cut down each year world-wide to provide land for tobacco plants and to provide fuel to cure tobacco leaves is about....

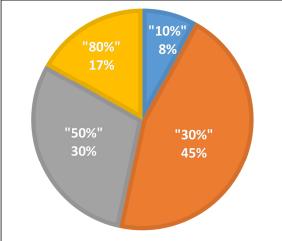
Figure 28: Quiz: Number of Trees Cut Down for Tobacco-Related Use (Per Year) (n=937)



Correct Answer: "20 to 50 Million"

Q28: About \_\_\_\_\_ of elected state representatives in the US receive campaign donations from tobacco lobbying organizations.

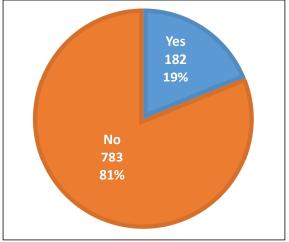
Figure 29: Quiz: U.S. Elected State Representatives Funded by Tobacco Lobbies (n=939)



Correct Answer: "50%"

Q30. Do you have any comments you would like to leave for the Tobacco Policy Task Force?

Figure 30: Additional Comments For The Tobacco Policy Taskforce (n=965)

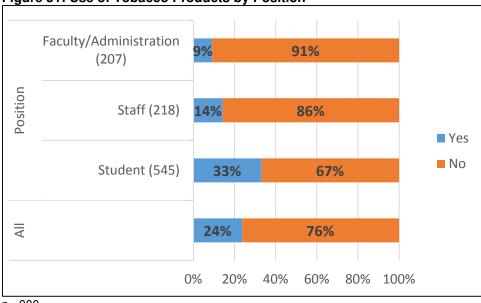


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## 2014 Survey Results - Bivariate Analysis

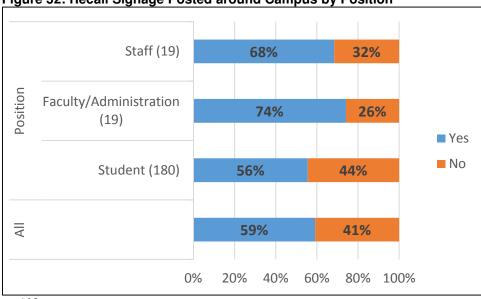
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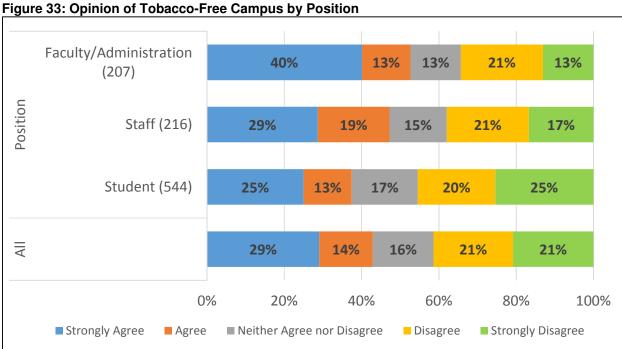
Figure 32: Recall Signage Posted around Campus by Position

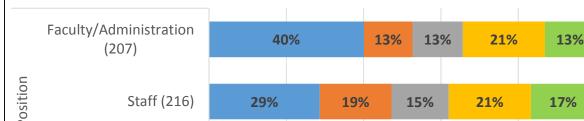


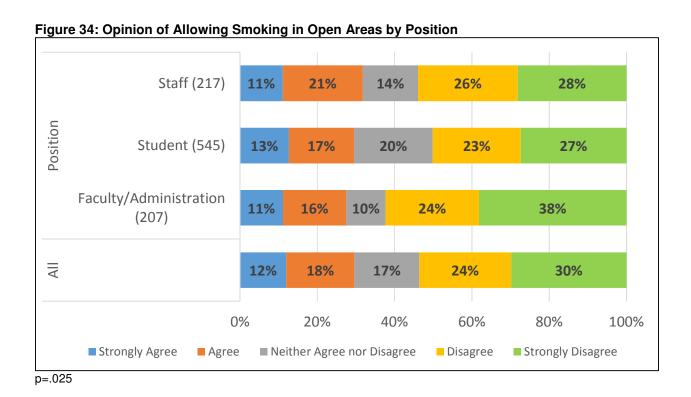
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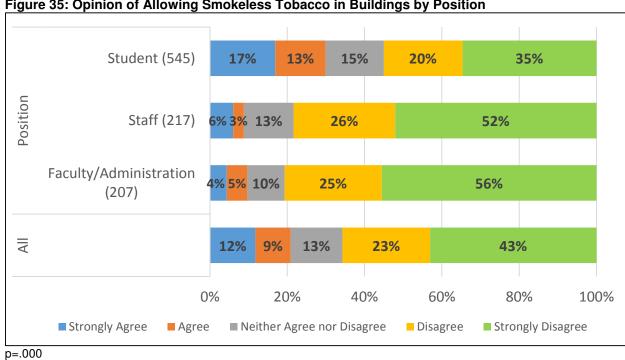
<sup>1</sup> A statistically significant relationship exists between position and age, for example, but that relationship is not provided here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Statistical significant relationships were tested for using a computed nominal level measurement (combining Faculty/Administration and Staff – providing a variable with two attributes: 1 Student and 2 Fac/Staff). Statistical tests showed some slightly higher significance levels for some of the relationships shown BUT no new relationship were shown to be statistically significant.

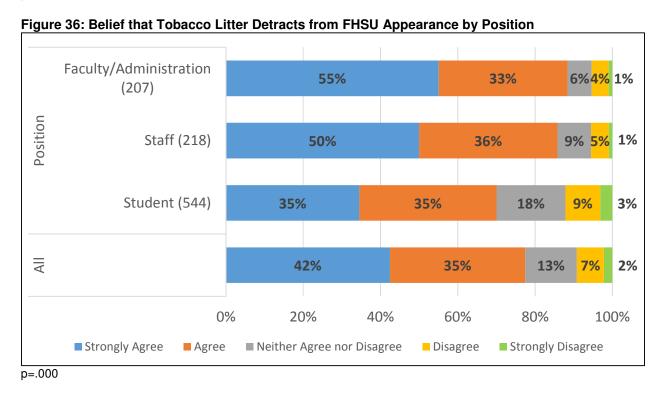












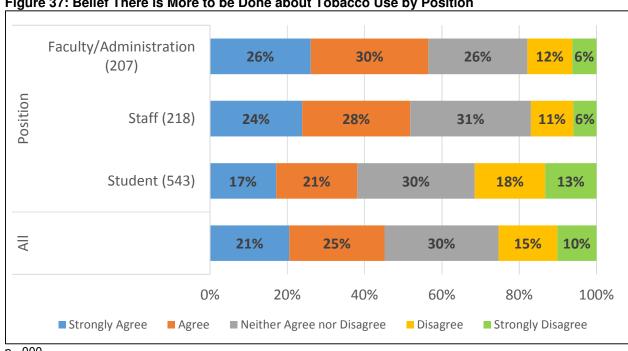
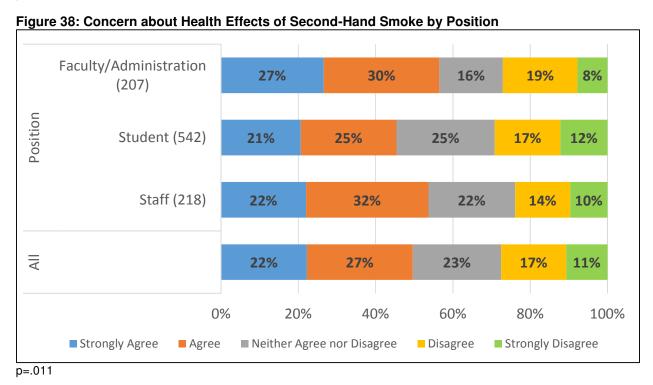
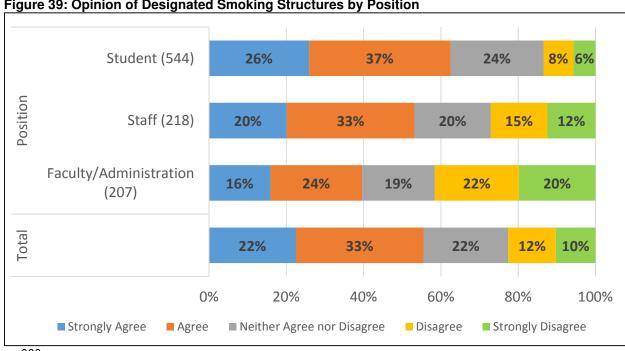
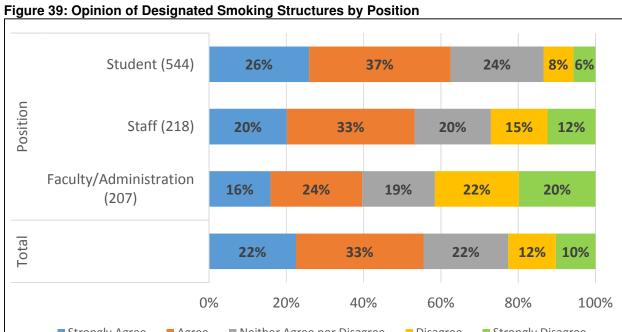


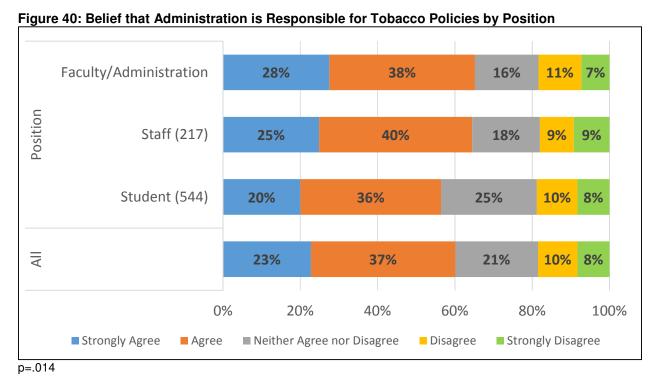
Figure 37: Belief There is More to be Done about Tobacco Use by Position

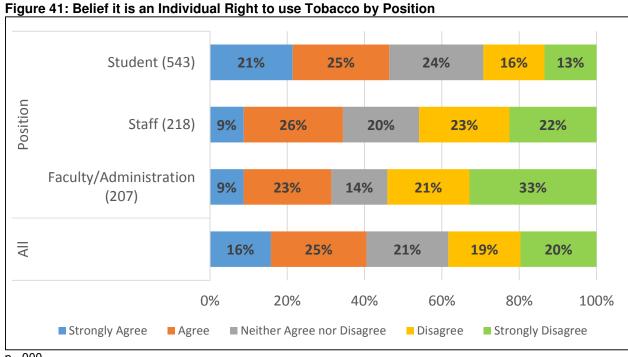


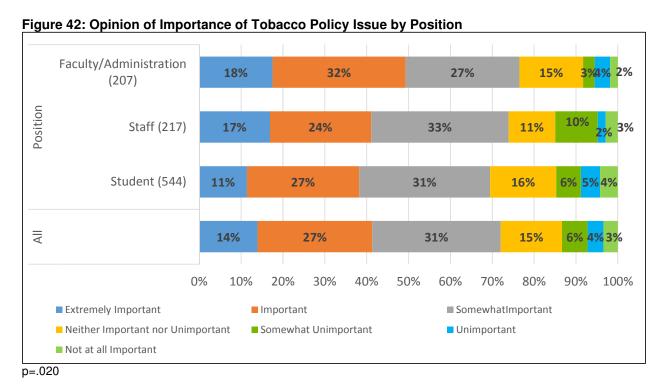


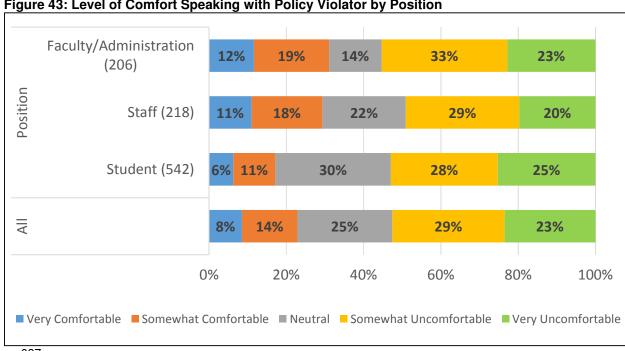




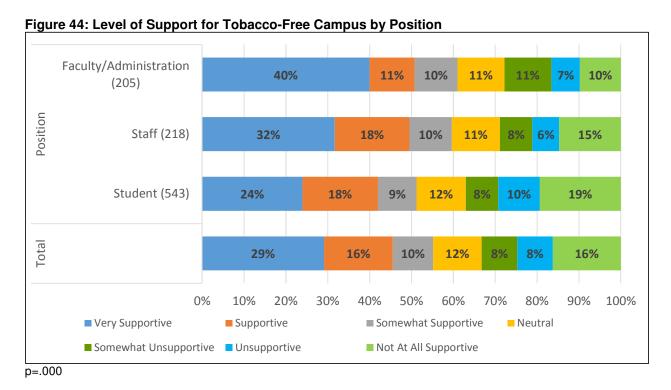


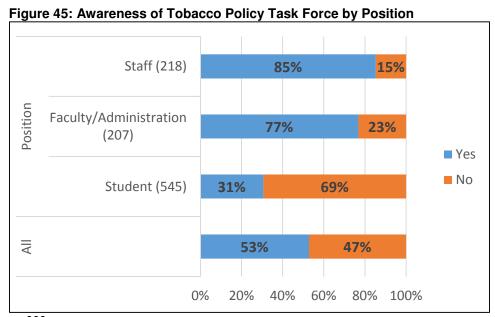




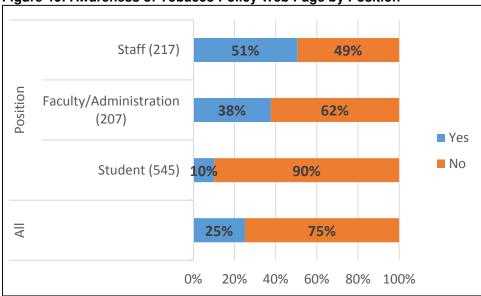












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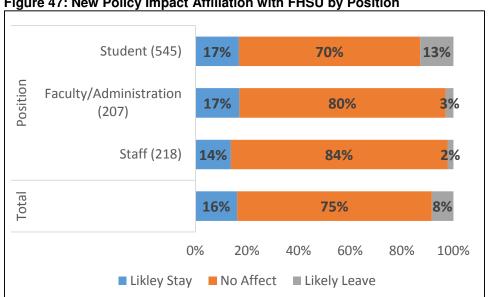
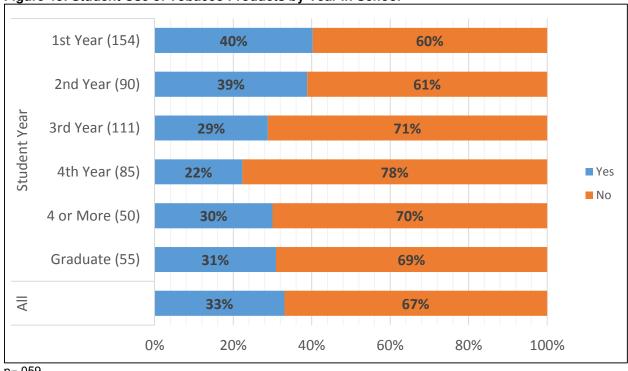


Figure 47: New Policy Impact Affiliation with FHSU by Position

#### Bivariate Analysis of Selected Student Responses

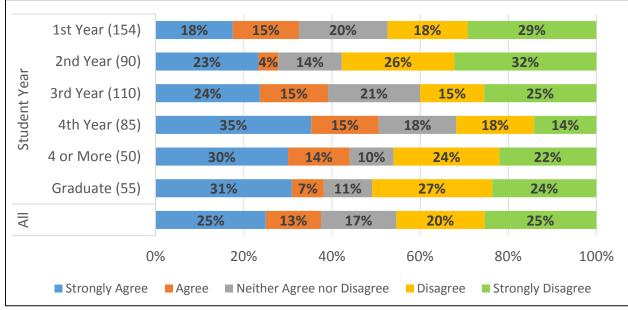
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Figure 48: Student Use of Tobacco Products by Year in School

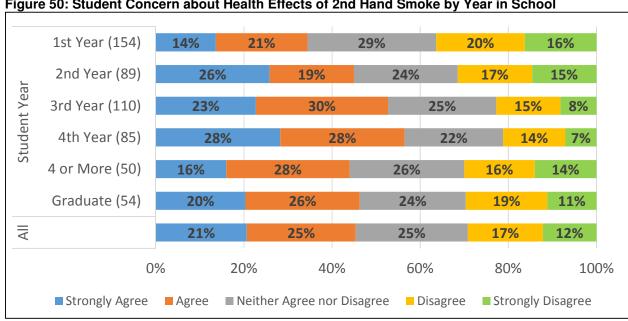


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Figure 49: Students' Belief that Campus should by Tobacco Free by Year in School

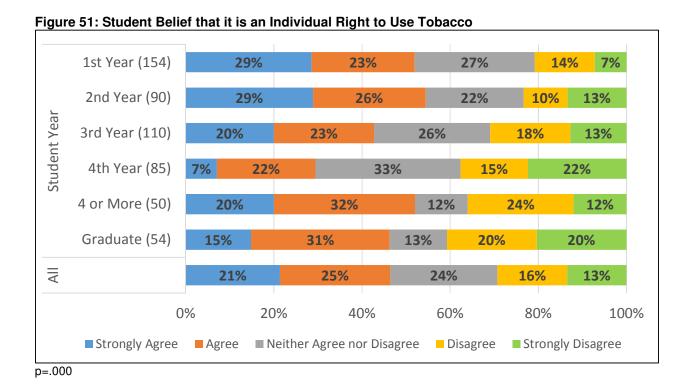


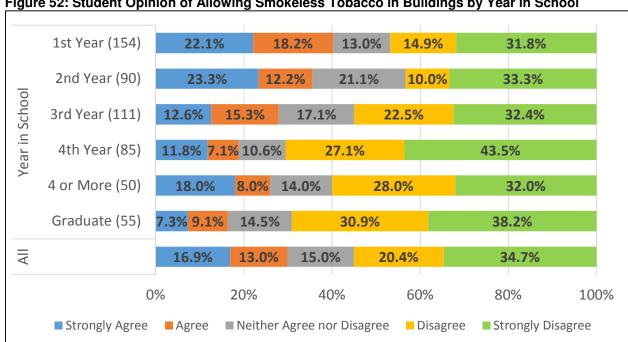
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# Appendix A Open-Ended Responses to Q13 Other Exposure to Second Hand Smoke on FHSU Campus

Q13: "Where have you been exposed to second hand smoke on the campus of FHSU? Other-Please Specify."

	Freq.	Percent
Outdoors (Non- Designated Smoking Areas)	39	63.9%
3rd Hand Smoke, Indoors	5	8.2%
Outdoors (Designated Smoking Areas)	5	8.2%
Indoors, Legally (Old Tobacco Policy)	5	8.2%
Indoors, Illegally (Current Tobacco Policy)	5	8.2%
Other	2	3.3%
Total	61	100.0%

#### **Outdoors (Non- Designated Smoking Areas)**

- All over outdoor areas of campus other than designated smoking areas.
- Jellison Bridge (3)
- Just walking to and from class.
- Many sidewalks; near building entrances.
- Near info kiosks, indoors via electronic.
- Near residence halls (2)
- Occasionally the smell of smoking in elevators/Rarick Hall.
- On-campus sidewalks.
- Passing someone smoking on the sidewalk.
- People walking in front of you on-campus and smoking.
- People walking on the sidewalk between buildings (anywhere on campus).
- Sidewalks (4)
- Along the sidewalks while walking to class.
- Walking behind a student in the Quad.
- Everywhere. I also don't care.
- Chinese students walking through campus.
- Walking on the sidewalk.
- Walking around.
- Walking down side walks to buildings.
- Walking paths.
- Stadium Place apartments.
- Walking to class when people are smoking while walking.
- Wooster.
- Behind our building.
- Outside university apartments.

#### **Third Hand Smoke Indoors**

- My office
- Office
- Person that I work with that comes in after smoking and reeks of it.
- Through my window on mild or warm days as smokers would stand outside my window and smoke.
- I have one student particular that reeks of smoke (so I guess this is third hand).

#### **Outdoors (Designated Smoking Areas)**

- Bus stop near McMindes, not a big deal though.
- I don't think this is an issue any more since smoking is only allowed in designated parking lots.
- The benches by the parking lot behind McMindes.
- Smokers near my vehicle.
- Passing by parked cars.

#### Indoors, Legally (Old Tobacco Policy)

- Everywhere when smoking was allowed.
- Offices, but this was prior to current tobacco restrictions.
- Once upon a time, in our offices.
- In offices before smoking in buildings was prohibited.
- Inside offices before smoking was prohibited.

#### Indoors, Illegally (Current Tobacco Policy)

- Bathrooms.
- In the dorms.
- On-campus housing.
- Restrooms
- Inside buildings

#### Other

- I was a smoker.
- Smoking with others.

# Appendix B Open-Ended Responses to Q19 Other Method of Tobacco-Free Policy Enforcement

Q19: "If a tobacco-free policy was put in place, which of the following would be the best way(s) to enforce that policy? Other: Please Specify."

	Freq.	Percent
Cannot/Should Not Enforce	60	62%
Signage/Designated Smoking Areas	10	10%
Education/Self-Discipline	9	9%
Batman or Death Squad	6	6%
Other	6	6%
Specific University Staff	5	5%
Don't Know	1	1%
Total	97	100.0%

### Cannot/Should Not Enforce

- You never will!
- Wouldn't be able to.
- This is stupid.
- Remove it.
- None of the above (2)
- None of the above are effective.
- No enforcement.
- Nothing (11)
- It doesn't matter.
- It cannot be enforced.
- If you do, you're a bigger idiot than I thought.
- I think it will be very difficult to enforce. The police cannot adequately complete this task and
  most other people on campus do not feel comfortable confronting someone who is breaking the
  policy.
- Don't.
- · Don't do it at all.
- Don't do it.
- As educational institutions are facing potential budget cuts, there is no effective way to enforce such a policy. Send email reminders to students that tobacco is only to be used in designated areas.
- This would be a waste of money.
- This policy should not be enforced.
- Nothing! We are all adults. If someone is smoking and it bothers someone else, the bothered one can ask them to stop or move.
- Good luck enforcing anything. We can't even enforce parking when it is reported.
- Not sure, and this is one reason why I don't support it.
- I do not support such a policy, but if it was established I would favor informal enforcement.
- Unavailable funds could be used for more important issues. The biggest problem with smokers is throwing their butts on the ground.

- Go [Expletive removed] yourself FHSU. I [Expletive removed] hate this university. I [Expletive removed] hated all 6 years here. This university is a [Expletive removed]. Smoking cigs is the only thing that prevented many suicide attempts for me. Once again, go [Expletive removed] yourself FHSU.
- I disagree to tobacco free. We should be able to smoke/chew wherever we please within reason. We're adults.
- Unable to enforce.
- Wouldn't care; I'd leave the campus.
- There isn't a best way.
- Stay out of other people's business; this is a free country.
- There isn't one. People will smoke or chew even if there is a sign that says so. It is America; there are more important issues than trying to make people quit smoking. It is their right.
- It would be the stupidest idea ever
- Good luck. You aren't going to stop people. Put some buckets out for the butts and move on.
- Don't: it is a violation of personal rights.
- No, because it is immoral to police such a thing.
- Nothing; leave people alone.
- · Basically unenforceable, like Prohibition.
- Do not take away someone's rights.
- No need to have a completely tobacco free campus.
- There are other issues that need to be enforced first, such as parking, traffic violations, pedestrian education, and other more important safety issues.
- They are over 18, who gives a [Expletive removed].
- Mind your own [Expletive removed] business.
- Just let smokers have some peace.
- If you want to lose students and money from tuition to the school: by all means, ban smoking.
- Good way to lose people from being students, faculty or staff here.
- I do not think that there would be a very good way to enforce this policy for all students here on campus. There would still be places that students would find to get away with smoking on campus.
- I think everyone's time and state dollars could be spent on something more important.
- Don't enforce because it won't work.

#### **Education/Self-Discipline**

- Talk to them.
- Self-discipline.
- Incentives for self-reporting.
- Anonymous tip line.
- Having faculty that smoke held accountable to same policy and possibly having them speak with
  the students who do smoke and let them know where the acceptable areas are if there are any,
  or if there aren't, inform them of that too. If students see faculty not following the rules, why
  would students be any better?
- Education/orientation
- Use a proactive approach.
- People should know.

### Signage/Designated Smoking Areas

- Signs where use is prohibited.
- Signs everywhere (2)
- Signs dictating designated smoking areas.
- Designated areas to smoke, signs to inform smokers of non-designated areas.

- Honor system/respectful signage.
- Have spaces for smoker and make them available on different part on campus. The problem will
  disappear. People smoke in the wrong places because the assigned places are far away from
  where they are going. Have enclosed spaces for smokers, like some European airports have. The
  problem will disappear.
- More signs.
- I favor smoking areas for smokers, with a bench and shelter, like a bus stop.
- Signs to inform.

### **Specific University Staff**

- The Kelly Center.
- Resident Assistants and Hall Directors in and around residential halls.
- A single sheriff, preferably me, on horseback with just a badge and gun.
- Fines for violators.
- Designated student jobs through UPD to enforce the policy.
- It should be the police department, but because they smoke, they won't give tickets. I have observed this many times.

### **Batman or Death Squad**

- TFE Death Squad
- S.W.A.T
- Batman
- Batman (The hero we need, not the hero we deserve)
- Death by alcohol
- Death Squad

### Other

- Webcams
- The more rules that are in place, the more enforcement that must occur. Otherwise there's no point in having the rule.

### Don't Know

- I don't know. It would be difficult to enforce.
- Not sure, but I would think the police have better things to do.
- Not sure.

# Appendix C Open-Ended Responses to Q31 Additional Comments for The Tobacco Policy Task Force

Q31: "Do you have any comments you would like to leave for the Tobacco Policy Task Force? Please enter your comments here. All comments will remain confidential."

### Comments from Students who Identified as Tobacco Users

- As a tobacco user that follows campus tobacco policy, I feel that this is a waste of time and money. I also feel that it's not fair to the users of tobacco. Maybe we should worry about the [Expletive removed] parking situation instead.
- Bigger signs that people can see so they don't violate the policy.
- Chewing in class should not be deemed as a big deal, smoking is another issue. Chewing tobacco should be allowed on campus.
- Chewing tobacco doesn't harm anyone but the person using it so I do not see why it is banned. Smoking on campus affects everyone around you so I do see why there are regulations in place for that.
- Chewing tobacco should be allowed in the dorm rooms as long as both roommates are ok with it
- Dear tobacco force of FHSU, I appreciate what you are trying to do, but all of the micromanaging that the FHSU administration is doing is starting to get out of hand. If I am stressed after a test, I AM going to have a cigarette once I get outside. If I'm too close to someone and the smoke bothers them, I hope they tell me personally, instead of sending a Tobacco Force Team after me! I won't pay any tobacco-related fines, because I have the right to smoke, and I pay tuition just like a non-smoking student. Maybe the administration's time could be better spent worrying about issues that the students have been bringing up! To list a few: parking, expensive book prices, sub-par teachers, terrible food at the cafe, the extremely high move-out cost at the dorms, students stealing/breaking campus bicycles, boring campus "events," and the university email spamming us with stupid emails that most of us couldn't care less about. I have more things I could add to the list, but I am typing this on a cell phone and do not want to add arthritis to my list.
- Dipping tobacco should be allowed anywhere on campus including buildings as long as one is using some sort of "spitter."
- Do not try to fix what is not broken.
- Even as a smoker I agree that there shouldn't be any smoking on the heavy foot traffic areas, like the quad and sidewalks. However, I think there should be areas for us to smoke on campus besides parking lots. Honestly, it's hard to go for hours and hours in classes without a smoke break, so I usually hide in the brick enclosures for trash cans (like between Sheridan and McCartney or behind Albertson Hall) and I've never had anybody complain or call me out, since it's off the beaten path. If we had places like this that are designated I would be satisfied, but I do agree that smoking should be prohibited on most of campus.
- How biased could you possibly be with this survey? From the point where there are 5 questions
  concerning health related issues with tobacco products, to the questions on tobacco corruption, this
  survey is joke. This should not be used at a scholarly institution, my reason being that nobody can use this
  survey in any scholarly journal or study because it is so completely biased against tobacco usage. How
  about instead of biasing campus policy to fit your group's agenda, you create a survey that talks about the
  good and the bad of tobacco products, for they are there or nobody would still smoke.

- I am of legal age. I control my litter and waste in an appropriate manner. Going fully tobacco free is a
  mistake. If you want to control, there should be -- at a minimum designated smoking areas in close
  proximity to all buildings.
- I believe that smokeless tobacco should be allowed in buildings because smokeless tobacco doesn't harm anyone but the user, and although it might be "gross" in some people's eyes it is their right for people over the age of 18 to use these products so I don't understand why we wouldn't be allowed to enforce the right bestowed upon us.
- I believe that smoking is a horrible thing. People try to claim that they should be able to do what they want to their bodies, but with smoking it effects more than just them. The people around them are also affected by the smoke. With that in mind, I do use chewing tobacco but that truly does only harm myself. No one else is affected by me "having a dip in." That is why I disagree with the total eradication of tobacco from the FHSU campus. I don't want the smoke, but I'm fine with the dip.
- I can provide my own horse and revolver if you can provide the badge. Can't wait to get started.
- I prefer discarding cigar butts in a proper disposal, usually located above trashcans. However, these are often full, and neglected by staff assigned to clear them out. Due to the fact they are frequently full, students litter cigar butts instead, since there is no room in the proper disposal.
- I see no smoking signs and smoke in designated areas only signs, but there are no designated smoking signs anywhere! I see people walking in the quad smoking and it irritates me. I am also a smoker but have no problem smoking in areas designated to smoke.
- I think that's the current policy is good. Students should be able to go to the parking lots to smoke if they so choose to. If they smoke inside their cars then it's not affecting anyone and if they smoke outside their cars IN the parking lots, then the smoke blows always almost instantly. I have walked past people smoking and barely smelled it, so second hand smoke is NOT an issue unless you're standing right by the person smoking. The policy is not a problem now and should not be changed.
- I think the smoking ban is [Expletive removed] [Expletive removed]. I've got stress out my [Expletive removed], paid good [Expletive removed] money, and all the other [Expletive removed] that comes along with university. And now I have to worry about being late to class because I can't [Expletive removed] smoke anywhere. I've got to waste cigarettes only smoking half of them. I've got to watch my back and look out for cops when I smoke on the sidewalk. I don't know what the [Expletive removed] the big deal is about smoking, but grow the [Expletive removed] up already and leave us alone. If you don't like cigarette smoke then don't smoke. If you don't want to "walk through it" then go find a different door or something. What the [Expletive removed] is the issue? You [Expletive removed] are wasting so much [Expletive removed] money [Expletive removed] with this policy for three [Expletive removed] years. Make a [Expletive removed] decision and get the [Expletive removed] on. Jesus, you [Expletive removed] university bureaucrats are such wasteful lazy [Expletive removed]. Jesus Christ. Go [Expletive removed] yourself. [Name of respondent removed]
- I think tobacco use on campus isn't a huge deal. I don't see many people smoking where they shouldn't be. But I believe we as adults should be able to make our own decisions. I most certainly would not follow the tobacco free campus regulations. I smoke for many reasons but mostly for anxiety, and if you regulate where I can get the anxiety relief, it's pretty pointless for me to even attend FHSU. It's already incredibly inconvenient to walk to the designated smoking areas, so much so that I don't use them. I smoke while walking to class and I only do it when there's not a huge group around me. But when it comes to second hand smoke, many can avoid smokers. And one inhale of smoke isn't going to kill anyone.
- I understand the concerns that come with second hand smoke from regular smokers, but when it comes to vapor pens/E-cigs, that issue is nearly obsolete. I have read several studies in which it was said the

while the secondhand vapor produced does contain nicotine, it does not contain the other toxins found in the smoke of cigarettes/cigars, and the amount of nicotine in the secondhand smoke of cigars and cigarettes is nearly ten times greater than that of vapes or e-cigs. Because of the fact it isn't actually smoke and there is no risk of burning anything, I feel that vapes and e-cigs should be allowed within the dorms. As for addressing the secondhand vapor: if it is truly still an issue, I would make select sections of dorms and certain rooms vape-free. An example could be for a dorm such as McMindes to have the halls split at the halfway point allowing the side farthest from the lobby to be free for vaping or even making the stairwells open for vaping. And in everything I have seen, the e-cigs and vapes DO NOT set off fire alarms.

- I will smoke regardless of any policy change.
- I'm an average chewer and smoker and personally I think that dipping should be allowed in the dorms. I'm man enough that, if I spill anything, I clean it up and dispose of my chewing liquid right. I'm 19 years old coming from chewing all the time in my house and coming here for education, paying thousands of dollars, and you guys try and tell me that I can't chew in the dorms I live in. I don't like the idea personally but this is your job and you have to do it so I can only give my opinion.
- If people want to smoke, let them smoke. It's their right. Setup designated smoking areas that are clearly designated smoking areas. Making this a tobacco free campus will NOT solve the problem. If simply banning something worked then there wouldn't be this failing war on drugs.
- It is extremely important that chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, and normal smoking tobacco are legislated differently. As a non-chewer I am not bothered by people who chew in their rooms or on campus, so long as they don't expose me to their residue. I strongly believe that vaping should be allowed everywhere, including in buildings. Vaping does not cause harm, and photo-electric fire alarms are not sensitive enough to set off from normal vaping. I'd be very disappointed with FHSU if the image of "smoking" caused e-cigarettes to be banned from campus. Also I'd like to say that I'm indifferent to smoking. When people pass me on the sidewalk with a cigarette, the smell and second-hand smoke are not strong enough to bother me. They should have to do it outside, though.
- It is very stupid that there is a tobacco "task force." Instead of giving you clowns time and money maybe FHSU should do something about the parking shortage. I am not just saying this because I use smokeless tobacco. I am saying this because it's so asinine to try and make a place tobacco free. It's never going to happen.
- Just assign some someone accessible places to smoke. I understand the detraction in high traffic areas (in the quad, on sidewalks, etc.) but there are many places to smoke where it is not an issue or hindrance to non-smokers. And quit guilting people about their tobacco usage with your [Expletive removed] quiz facts
- Lay of E-cigarette users.
- Lay off. Mind your own business
- Let a man enjoy a good dip
- let us dip
- Let us smoke wherever and whenever we want.
- Making tobacco illegal on school grounds will not help any, people will still use it. You're wasting your time.
- Of course tobacco usage should not be allowed inside buildings and people should not be allowed to smoke near doorways as many people who are susceptible to the effects of smoking (asthmatics, people with allergies, etc.), but there should be designated smoking areas away from doors and walkways in order for people who do smoke can go. There will always be a percentage of any population of people who smoke as long as smoking tobacco is legal, now the percentage of people smoking may decrease with

ad campaigns and education, but it will not be eradicated. Teachers and students who smoke do not have many options at present besides going to their vehicles, and this creates a problem. As a smoker of tobacco my opinion is obviously biased but I sympathize with non-smokers who don't want to smell smoke on their way to class. There must exist some sort of compromise that will please both smokers and non-smokers, to have a completely tobacco free campus would result in some very irritable people and allowing smoking everywhere would also result is some very irritable people. As a university the bottom line is admissions, more students equal more money and if your organization sides with either extreme (absolutely no smoking, or smoking everywhere) your admission will be affected. As I understand it a good percentage of income from admissions comes from foreign students, specifically Chinese and Arabic students, and a greater percentage of those students smoke compared to American students. Find a compromise or admissions will be affected. As for the later questions in the quiz it was apparent that your organization was less interested in finding out how much people know about tobacco as it was in showing how bad tobacco is. The whole question and answer about how many timber producing acres are destroyed to make room for tobacco plants was very transparent. Tobacco is an agricultural product and the farming of all agricultural products have a tendency to destroy

- People should have the right to choose if they want to smoke or not. A tobacco free policy would take
  away that right from students living on campus. The tobacco free policy will cause people to leave fhsu. I
  have heard many friends say that they would leave and transfer schools.
- Please take time to better understand that electronic cigarettes contain no tobacco. I don't think they
  should be allowed in buildings but they also shouldn't be regulated as sternly as regular cigarettes. Please
  do your own research from credible sources and don't make a decision based on fear or lack of
  understanding.
- Poor survey. Leave the propaganda fact quiz junk out of it. I don't care if people smoke on campus, so long as it is outside, and they have the decency to put the used cigarette in an ashtray. Designated smoking areas are a joke that tethers students to a sequestered area sometimes out of the way between classes, and if classes are back to back can deter a student being on time. No weather protection at all. I opted once to smoke underneath the canopy of the library due to rain while the temperature was 45 degrees as a cold rain actually strips body heat faster than snow, and carries a higher chance of hypothermia. I stood around the corner from the entrance so I wouldn't disturb anyone going through the doors, and was accosted rudely by a woman about the smoking policy. I offered my apologies for breaking the rules, but felt it a better idea to seek shelter from the extremely cold rain that posed a much more immediate health concern, and was standing away from the doors so not to intrude upon people, yet was still treated as a leper from someone who was not within a close proximity to me. The smoking areas are out of the way, delay me, and offer no protection from the elements as though smokers are considered as lowly as livestock being exposed to the elements.
- Smokeless tobacco should be allowed in dorms.
- Smoking in areas where permitted are okay. As for chew, it doesn't harm anyone other than the user.
- Smoking on campus can be negative from second hand smoke, however chewing doesn't affect anyone else and should have the same regulations.
- Tell the oriental students to quit smoking while walking down the sidewalks, and right outside the doors of the FHSU buildings. And people chew in the building might as well stop trying to change that.
- The issue of Tabasco use is a complex one at the very least. I have said many times I wish I never started, and have tries numerous times to quit with varying levels of success. A tobacco free campus would be one more place that aids in my own battle with tobacco. My employer has been a tobacco free facility for

6 years now, and for 6 years I've not smoked at work. So FHSU Campus would ban other place to curb my tobacco use.

- The taskforce is a joke, don't take our smoking away from us. We will always find ways around you.
- This is stupid and irrelevant. Shouldn't our school use the money we give them, on educational purposes
  not on [Expletive removed] that doesn't matter and that is legal and people are going to do anyways. This
  is probably the most irrelevant thing that FHSU could ever do if this happens I WILL LEAVE FHSU ALONG
  WITH COUNTLESS OTHER STUDENTS!!
- This seems like a waste of time and resources. There are much more important issues at hand for students at FHSU and young people living in Hays, Kansas.
- This survey was highly biased towards the unfavorable use of tobacco on campus. I have seen the signs and I am aware that there is no smoking allowed anywhere on campus. Although, one of your questions didn't give an option to select it. Also, does it matter that China is the leading producer of tobacco? I am pretty sure that Camel's and Marlboro's are not made in China! American's, yes American's, farm and distribute products that kill. What does China have to do with it?
- Tobacco use is not illegal, I have never exposed anyone to second hand smoke in the designated smoking areas cause practically no one walks through them, the policy in place seems effective.
- We are adults, and putting restrictions on us like we are children isn't going to keep us in school. We go to college to get away from parents, to have freedom. Regardless, if I smoke or not, I would like the option to if I want. The designated smoking areas are fine, just don't take it away completely.
- You are [Expletive removed] stupid. This was a waste of my time. Go sit on a cactus.

# Comments from Students who Did Not Identify as Tobacco Users

- Although I agree with a tobacco-free policy on campus, I understand this may not be implemented. Regardless of any potential policy change, the biggest issue is enforcement. Just yesterday I walked by three people who were smoking in non-designated smoking areas, unfairly exposing me to secondhand smoke. In my four years at this school, I have seen countless violations of our tobacco policy. And yet I have never seen nor heard about a single consequence for these violations. It is clear that our University Police have no desire to serve as a regulatory agency for this policy; therefore, the steps need to be taken to create an actual, effective body responsible for enforcing this policy. It will make our campus a cleaner, safer, and healthier place for all.
- Chewing tobacco isn't as much of a concern as cigarettes and other "smoking" tobacco products. Chewing tobacco does not put off any second hand problems like cigarettes do.
- E-cigarettes aren't technically tobacco. I'd say if people need their fix, go with the vapor alternative. It's a lot less disgusting and there's no second hand smoke.
- I believe having a Tobacco Policy Enforcement Team set to patrol campus would be a great addition, yet I believe our Police Department should be a partner as well. IF campus would decide to go tobacco free, I would suggest looking into how the Hays Medical Center deals with a tobacco free campus and how/who patrol it.
- I believe that whether or not someone smokes is not any of anyone's business and they have the right to do what they want to their bodies. Making the campus a completely tobacco-free area will only drive people away and make room for argument. I already agree with the fact that there should be reserved areas for smoking and I honestly believe that that is enough. If you don't think smoking is okay, good for you, but just because you don't like something doesn't mean that you should force opinions or extreme actions on to others. It is a free country and whether or not someone wants to smoke away there life is a decision that is up to them, not you.
- I believe the current policy we have on tobacco is fine. However, I would like to see the rules more enforced. There have been countless times when I am walking to class over Jellison Bridge and I get stuck behind someone smoking a cigarette. If we can enforce the rules and make people be in the parking lots, FHSU would be just fine.
- I believe this survey was completely bias. I am personally smoke-free. I picked up the habit in high school and smoked throughout my undergraduate years. The smell of smoke takes me back to those days, reassuring my decision to quit. However, I felt throughout this survey I was lead to acknowledge all of the negative aspects of tobacco use. I am neutral in my decision regarding a tobacco-free campus but I feel this survey is inaccurate due to its biases. Sure, the students, faculty, and staff may agree with a tobacco-free campus but the way the questions are worded emphasis; you either agree that it's bad or you are neutral; do you agree with us or do you not care? In my basic research experience learned through courses at Fort Hays State University I'd not know how this survey was ever approved by the IRB. I hope your decision is not made strictly on the data from this survey. You're Welcome.
- I cannot believe FHSU spends money on this task force. Leave poor smokers alone. Unless smokers are smoking inside buildings, they are only hurting themselves. If cigarette disposal containers were put outside every building, then the butts and trash from cigarettes would be put there instead of on the ground. By eliminating those containers all that is accomplished is more trash being thrown on the ground. FHSU is not going about this in the correct manner and spending money on a smoking task force I completely insane. Should spend more time worrying about what the instructors are doing to students, especially the ones selling grades and/or drugs on campus. Have not heard of a task force that

- surveillance's the faculty for wrong behavior. Students follow the lead of instructors and that is the problem here at FHSU, poor leadership. Pathetic really.
- I don't have a problem with people smoking on campus, but I see people smoking outside of designated areas a lot. I think the only way to prevent this is to outlaw it completely.
- I don't mind smoking on campus but move it away from entrances. Push it like 15 for 20 feet away.
- I don't think that FHSU should be a tobacco-free place. While I don't think smoking/chewing/etc. is a very good habit, people are fully capable to make the decision to do it or not. I think that they should be allowed to do it in designated areas, away from other people, as the dangers of secondhand smoke are actually quite significant.
- I just don't like cigarette smoke and I'm not worried about my health.
- I like to see that there are individuals trying to do something to make campus a tobacco free zone. However, I do not really see that happening. I think that the idea is a great one but it would be very hard to enforce all over campus. I do think that something needs to be done however, to make sure that the designated smoking areas are being used. I find it very upsetting when I am walking and someone in front of me is smoking and I am being forced to inhale it because I am walking the same direction as tem. It is very upsetting when people are doing this especially when I see a group of perspective students have to deal with the same thing.
- I realize it's accurate, but "Tobacco Policy Task Force" just sounds silly.
- I really don't think that tobacco use is that major of an issue on campus. I hate it when I walk up to a building or on a busy sidewalk to smell smoke, but I realize that is because the smokers are either unaware of designated smoking areas, or are trying to stay warm and out of the cold. Perhaps if the smoking areas had some sort of shelter from the wind/elements, smokers would not be in such high traffic areas.
- I understand that smoking is a personal choice, but it is also a personal choice not to smoke. I don't believe I should have to smell or be around those who smoke on campus while I walk to class.
- I understand the environmental aspects (cutting trees down), and the human labor aspects (using children) of the tobacco industry. However, a large number of American corporations outsource this kind of labor and do just as much environmental damage. The atmospheric carbon dioxide has exceeded 400ppm, yet we still purchase gasoline and drive to work and school every day. Clothing and shoes made in Indonesia, and all of the products made in China for sale at Wal-Mart are examples of outsourced jobs and labor. Many of these jobs are filled by children but we will continue to buy these goods, and therefore knowingly or unknowingly support these practices. As for campaign contributions to senators and congressmen; the military, prison, and pharmaceutical industrial complexes donating money and paying off our "representatives" is of much greater concern to me. I understand the need for regulations on tobacco use (age restrictions and indoor smoking restrictions on public property), but it seems as though we could be spending our time talking about issues in this country that are literally destroying us from within (endless wars against "terrorism" in the middle east fought for banking and corporate interests that have left over ONE MILLION INNOCENT CIVILIANS INCLUDING CHILDREN DEAD, privatization of federal jails such as the Corrections Corporation of America, assaults on the Bill of Rights from BOTH PARTIES, NSA reading our emails and placing our information in databases, the illusion of choice in voting democrat o republican, etc. etc.). I don't mean to rant or take away from your survey, as I am a big supporter of grassroots feedback and policy making. I am just trying to make the point that while we bicker and squabble about trivial issues, the liberties and freedoms we have taken for granted are literally disappearing before our eyes.
- I would like to see FHSU become a tobacco-free campus.

- I'm glad I don't smoke. It's like setting your money on fire anyway. Then of course there are health consequences.
- I've heard that universities that receive state funding are required to be entirely tobacco-free campuses, is this true and if so why are we not complying?
- It is a person's right to use tobacco products as they see fit. It is a personal choice that no individual should be able to make for another. Smokeless tobacco products should be allowed anywhere on campus due to it only effecting the individual using t. Other tobacco products should be limited to outside use.
- It is another way to decrease human rights. Students, staff, and every human being must be able to decide where to smoke and when to smoke. No authority can have the right to interfere individuals' decision by excusing health issues. Ever individual who ae older than 18 must be able to make decision about their health.
- It would have been nice to know that there was an information session going on about policies affecting the tobacco on campus. I would have attended one of these meetings. I think that everyone should have the right to smoke or use tobacco products if they want however I do not think that their right should infringe on my right to not be surrounded by second hand smoke. This is more of a health issue with research showing that second hand smoke can lead to cancer, breathing problems and so on. If they the smoker) want to take that chance fine but do not force me to take that chance too.
- Just stop. Let the smokers be.
- Keeping tobacco and second hand smoke from becoming a problem on campus is a good thing. However society and culture are already doing that, more regulation would just be violating the rights of a cultural minority. Don't be that police force.
- Leave people alone they go to college to get an education while doing stupid things in the free time. If they want to smoke then leave them be. Also chewing Tabaco does not stink or give off second hand fumes so why are you attacking it? This is not high school and we are all adults here and legal to buy the Tabaco. Lastly I don't go snooping into your or other people's business so I would appreciate it if you would stay out of mine.
- Leave people alone, this isn't Russia.
- My issue with a tobacco free campus is that it's almost entirely unenforceable. People are going to smoke
  and chew on campus, whether or not it's against policy. We're just wasting time and money if we re
  kidding ourselves that a 100% tobacco free campus is possible.
- No one knows that you exist. If you want to actually provide a service/help/enforce things then make yourself known.
- People smoke all over campus and nothing is being done to stop them. Almost on a daily basis when I
  walk through the quad, I am exposed to secondhand smoke. I have health problems that are aggravated
  by smoke, and I feel very fearful for my health on camps because FHSU does not adequately enforce their
  smoking policy.
- Please stop the smokers from smoking anywhere by the FHSU tiger tots preschool. I don't like my son and
   I bring subjected to 2nd hand smoke
- Smoking on campus needs to be stopped. This includes the international students.
- Sounds like you are all doing a great job. I thank you for reaching out to the students and faculty to see their positions on this issue! The quiz was very informative and adds that personal aspect I did not expect. Keep working hard I appreciate the wok you all are putting in.
- Taking away someone's right to smoke is wrong. Making it unreasonably difficult for someone to execute their right to smoke is wrong. I met and spoke with the gentlemen that FHSU invited to speak on behalf of, and provide an outlook for, the reason to investigate and change policy; he is extremely biased and so

is this survey. Multiple questions are asked in the assumption that tobacco free is the only way to go. Consider this: relate tobacco to ice cream and cookies. We provide students with the option to easily do both; tobacco in parking lots and cookies in the cafe. The primary reasons, as I understand it, to eliminate tobacco is to 1) help students with their personal health - taken directly from the gentlemen visitor who addressed us 2) help make the campus appear better The argument for this, being cookies, fights the exact same thing 1) cookies, ice cream, Pizza Hut, etc. (all very accessible food options here) can cause health concerns for students I.E. Diabetes, heart problems, clogged arteries, etc. 2) Having a campus full of obese students, as opposed to non-cookie campuses, would make us look worse. WHY ARE WE TRYING TO BAN A PERSONS RIGHT TO SMOKE/CHEW/ETC AND NOT THEIR RIGHT TO EAT COOKIES?

- Thank you for the survey. The smokers to the North of Rarick, along the grass by the parked cars are annoying. They step through traffic and hang out around the cars. If they had a designated area with some shelter from the wind I think they would use t! I am a former smoker so I know a little about it:)
- The current designation of parking lot areas as acceptable for tobacco use is infuriating. More at this is the placement of ash-cans at the crosswalk and sidewalk intersection(s) such as with lot A-1 which, while an understandable and reasonable fixture to reduce litter, also exposes passers-by to smoke in a quasiforced manner. Is it an option to levy a modest fine against those who use tobacco where it is expressly impermissible to do so? This semester I've seen a specific group of persons smoke tobacco within seven yards of the Forsyth Library doors on two occasions that I am able to recall.
- They will use the tobacco no matter what so why make the rule to enforce it if they are of age who honestly care that they are hurting their own health
- This is obnoxious to expose students to surveys such as these. This is a free country, we should be able to do what we want when we want in a safe manner. Tobacco on campus should be the very least of your concerns when the state government passed a law to allow us to conceal and carry, or open carry as we please, and we are not allowed to do it. Survey that because this is garbage.
- When it comes to tobacco on campus I don't have an issue with it but at the same time I do. I don't like the smell, it gives me a headache also when people come to class smelling like they walked out of an ash tray. There should be a great distance from buildings on where people can smoke. You won't stop people from smoking it's a habit and a choice but you can regulate how far and where they can smoke to where no one else can smell it or affect anyone else.

# Comments from Faculty and Administration who Identified as Tobacco Users

- I am a smoker considering quitting. I still believe there should be enclosed places with proper ventilation on campus but outside to allow smokers to smoke....when addiction kicks in, smokers will smoke anywhere they can. They will hide it, but they will make a cigarette. I recommend creating some special places for smokers outside that will not affect the non-smokers, with proper ventilation. THANKS
- I feel that the parking lots for the dorms should allow smoking. The students having to leave campus to smoke a cigarette could lead to dangers to the students that could be avoided if they were allowed to be closer to the dorms.
- Moving to smoking free campus will make our university campus not welcoming students from different racial/cultural backgrounds where smoking is a habit. Plus, people who smoke have their own insurance.
- Please don't try to mandate anything about tobacco use beyond no smoking in buildings. If you mandate no tobacco on campus, the only thing that will happen is that you will make a lot of people into rule-breakers, and create a mindset which alienates them from the rest of campus.

# Comments from Faculty and Administration who Did Not Identify as Tobacco Users

- Because I am not a tobacco user, nothing in this survey was at all meaningful. Smoking is legal. Like
  abortion, all you can do is make it inaccessible. If this is your goal, be transparent and get on with it. Don't
  play silly games pretending to be a well-intentioned, helpful committee. I prefer that you not continually
  shove useless tobacco information in my face in the guise of "educating the university community."
- Creating a totally "tobacco-free" campus would unnecessarily discriminate against adults using a legal
  product at their place of work. Attempting to enforce this policy would create a totalitarian atmosphere
  of informing and repression on campus, and would "poison the atmosphere" of FHSU far more than a
  little tobacco smoke would. I am not a tobacco user, but I STRONGLY DISAGREE with making life any more
  difficult for our smoking friends and colleagues. Keep the tobacco policy the way it is, at the very least.
- Despite the effort to enforce no smoking on campus it has been violated repeatedly and by the same people. I have entered Rarick Hall every day for the last 2 years and on average I walk through cigarette smoke 50-75% of the time. I spend the rest of the day with irritated lungs. I have to enter Rarick Hall. Also the trash associated with smoking detracts from the beauty of the campus and wouldn't be tolerated if it were something less harmful....like McDonalds straws. Please consider changing the policy. Thank you.
- I am extremely uncomfortable at the idea, in a "free society", of banning usage of items such as electronic cigarettes. These do not pose a threat to anyone else and I don't see why an individual could not use them around other people. The desire to ban them is based completely on personal prejudice, not actual possibility of harm.
- I am more distracted and disgusted by my students reeking of cigarette smoke in class. My other (non-smoking) students are distracted as well. I also know that at least one student leaves lab regularly to smoke outside, and then return. I have students ho dip in class; this doesn't particularly bother me (as long as it's not overtly obvious and they don't leave their bottles), but I would enforce no smokeless tobacco in buildings if it was asked of me.
- I believe a few of the challenges will be the non-smoking policy at events at the FHSU football stadium and coliseum when outside events are hosted. Another challenge will be chewing tobacco use, etc.
- I detest cigarette smoke and the pollution caused by smokers dropping their butts on the ground, but I have not experienced either of those very much at FHSU. On the other hand, I see students using chewing tobacco almost daily in class and in hallways. I think the smell and appearance and spitting are disgusting and offensive. Smokeless tobacco is a bigger problem than cigarettes on campus, in my opinion.
- I do not use tobacco products, but I think that people have a right to use them if they do not interfere with the rights of others to not be subjected to their harmful effects, such as second-hand smoke. In general, I think that FHSU and other institutions should allow more tobacco use--in all open outside areas and perhaps even in selected indoor areas. I do think it is fair to discriminate against tobacco users when users of so many other harmful substances such as alcohol are not singled out for special rules.
- I have asthma so second hand smoke is more of a health issue for me then some people.
- I have never been a smoker and I hate to be around smoke, but I am sympathetic to friends and colleagues who smoke. While I want to protect the rest of us from second-hand smoke, I hate to see my friends and colleagues shivering across the street as they puff on their addictive cigarettes. It is easy for me to say "quit" but I am not and never have been addicted to nicotine. I would like to see some designated smoking area on campus that is not exposed to the elements for individuals who smoke, and I would like to see enhanced support to help smokers quit.
- I think primary enforcement must rest with University Police. The first time someone violates the policy, they should only be given a kind notice and asked to comply. The second time, it could be a written warning and after that, it should be a fine. Hays Med became a tobacco-free campus in stages, with

- designated smoking locations in parking lots and eventually, no smoking permitted. Security there follows a similar enforcement process as mentioned above, and there have not been many problems with policy violations despite the large volume of visitors to the campus.
- I think that our health insurance companies should increase the premiums even more for tobacco users, although it probably is not all that successful anyway considering the self-reporting aspect of it. Tobacco users need to be motivated to quit in order to address this problem, however I do feel that they should be able to smoke outside and further away from the buildings. The currently established places for smoking are sufficient now, however there needs to be better enforcement of them. Several people still congregate too close to the entrance of my building.
- I think using University funds to hire consultants for tobacco policy is a total waste of valuable resources. Our current policy is currently not enforced, I witness the use of smokeless tobacco inside campus buildings every day by students and employees of FHSU. The topic of trash due to tobacco keeps coming up, this is not a tobacco issue, this is a LITTERING issue. I see more empty plastic water bottles laying around than tobacco product litter. Does this mean we need to make our campus water free also?
- I understand the drive to ban actual tobacco products (cigarettes, chewing tobacco) as they can pose an actual threat to others. I am extremely uncomfortable with the idea of forbidding individuals to use products such as electronic cigarettes which don't pose such a threat. It sounds a little too much like a police state and curbing of a personal choice which is strictly personal for these types of items just because others "don't like it" regardless of the risk it actually poses to them as individuals
- I've never used tobacco, but I've had family members who smoked and a father who died of COPD. As a result, I despise the tobacco industry. However, I've also taught several veterans who were obviously addicted. Many of them had multiple stressors in addition to their adjustment to civilian life. In my opinion, they should be exempt and have a special location or two on campus. The GIs returning from WWII opposed anti-smoking guidelines at Fort Hays State and won--deservedly so. I hate to see anyone make, but if anyone deserves some this dubious liberty, it's the vets.
- If you make it really hard for smokers, please balance that with some kind of tobacco cessation support.
- In today's society, an individual citizen / civilian cannot verbally correct any rule-breaker without fear of a verbal or even physical reprisal. I experienced this firsthand a few years back when I gently corrected a child for making a mess in a store. He child's father become irate screaming and yelling at me. Totally unhinged. Store personnel called police to intervene and I was given a stern warning by the police officer that I could be charged with disorderly conduct. Unlike the crazed parent, never raised my voice, never cursed, or made any kind of threat. He even challenged me to a fight in the parking lot. All of this occurred in front of witnesses, yet I was the one who was deemed arrest-worthy by the police. Good luck enforcing a tougher no-smoking policy. For my part, I have learned to keep my mouth shut, even if I am "in the right".
- My biggest issue with the current smoking policy is that the parking lot between Lewis Field Stadium and the Hays Area Children's Center is a spot where smoking is permissible. There are children as young as six week's old outside in that area on a daily basis. I am more concerned about their exposure to second hand smoke than I am to mine. I understand that a no-smoking policy near sporting venues is more challenging than other parts of campus. But, can't there be something that says that smoking isn't allowed there during the hours the center is open? Most football games or other activities do not take place during the center's hours. But, since smoking is allowed there, others currently migrate to that spot to smoke.
- Need to consider some signage to remind people of the policy. I have not seen it implemented by campus police since it was implemented a few years ago. Constant education is needed so remind people who are new to campus.
- No policy will work unless the administration takes it seriously and MONITORs the FHSU police in their efforts to enforce its stipulations. So far, the police have simply gone through the motions and ticketed a

- few offenders. Look at the cigarette filters outside of the major buildings including the library, Rarick, Hammond Hall, etc. Some of the worst offenders are in information networking. If you're not going to police it, don't create a new policy.
- Policies should be implemented to address a problem. If tobacco use and areas of restriction warrants
  this policy change, I guess that's fine. If it's a situation where someone is trying to impose/establish
  unenforceable rules that will be ignored, that would be a poor use of time and resources.
- Quit trying to micromanage. A moderate set of rules is already being enforced. There is no need to go to extremes.
- Thank you for your efforts to help keep our air clean!
- The current policy COULD work if it were enforced. Likewise the effectiveness of any new policy depends on enforcement. A look at the butts found around campus should indicate the places that could be "staked out" for enforcement. Informal enforcement against one's peers is both awkward and ineffective as while they might stop smoking at that moment, they are right back there 1 hour later. When there are no ramifications to braking the policy, there is no effect. Trying to "sanction" a colleague is very awkward.
- The quiz at the end of this survey is meaningless and a waste of time. It is obvious there is an overwhelming agenda with this task force to make the campus smoke free instead of seeking opinions whether this is a good move for the campus community. The problem is enforcement. FHSU cannot even effectively enforce parking regulations and traffic violations. In addition, as long as we require students to live on campus and pay rent, they have the right to use tobacco in their place of residence. If this is changed due to a smoke-free campus, then students who use tobacco (including freshman) need to be allowed to live off-campus. In addition, the smoke-free campus has to be enforced equally including those large donors to athletics and the foundation who use tobacco on campus. This cannot be like the alcohol rules that exist in which there are exceptions depending on who is drinking the alcohol.
- The trivia quiz was, well, trivial. What was the point of those questions? Here is a follow up: how many faculty can find Malawi on a map? Again a pointless exercise in information transfer.\ Item 2: If employees feel this issue is determining whether they work here or not, I have to wonder how committed they are to FHSU! Item 3: people have the right to smoke. Not in restaurants, or classrooms, or if I choose in my home. Designate locations a reasonable distance from buildings. Do not stigmatize smoking, or smokers. I do not smoke, and don't like it but allow adults to choose their own behaviors on our campus.
- Though I am extremely anti-smoking, I am a little ambivalent about completely disallowing smoking on campus. I do think it is useful to consider health impacts of secondhand smoke beyond the long term accumulated risks. Many people with asthma and allergies, including two of my children, have immediate asthmatic Reponses to cigarette smoke.
- Tobacco users on our campus repeatedly violate the policy due to little to no enforcement. Tobacco usage endangers my life the same way vehicle violators due. Fines and punishment could be used to educate our campus constituents on the dangers of tobacco. I see, and talk to, the same violators on a regular basis. Since the enforcement isn't done, there is no behavioral change. All students should be educated about our policy prior to arrival on our campus.
- We have been told for five years that there would be signs placed on campus to inform new students about the smoke-free campus and yet it was never done. There is still too many who do not know about the policy. In addition, some of the openings to the buildings are horrendous when second hand smoke is present. This is not attractive to visitors to campus at all. In addition, some of the food workers at the Union do not abide by the current policy. We need a smokeless campus...please take steps to keep it that way and to develop a system informing people on a continuing basis.
- While I do not support the use of tobacco, I do not believe formal enforcement is the correct approach. Identify specific areas where people can smoke and leave it at that. If a small shelter area is built away

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### Comments from Staff who Identified as Tobacco Users

- Do not judge a person unless you have walked a mile in shoes.
- Electronic cigarettes are called personal vaporizers while most contain nicotine not all do therefore in a lack of nicotine state they are not tobacco related at all. Unlike traditional cigarettes there is little to know trash and as of this date I have not yet seen a study that shows a vapor from a personal vaporizer to be as harmful as car exhaust so why are we banning them yet allowing 1000 of vehicles to pollute our air where at the university.
- I believe that it would be impossible to police the use of tobacco on campus. It would be a tremendous
  waste of resources to try and police the use of tobacco on campus. I do not feel that the campus police
  should be responsible for policing the use of tobacco on campus. Currently, it is NOT being enforced, I
  have seen a number of students using tobacco products in close proximity to several campus buildings
  and nothing is being done about that. Trying to stop the use by issuing citations is also a waste of
  resources.
- I believe the focus is on smoking outside and all that comes with it, when smokeless tobacco is a bigger problem inside our facilities than smoking is. I always here the concerns about the smokers but never about the chew spitting people who can spit their tobacco on floors, walls, and even water fountains. Also when their done they toss the tobacco where ever it sticks. Walls, floors even ceilings. And don't forget that very sanitary bottle that they carry around with their spit that didn't make onto a wall. And that same bottle will be left for someone to run over of pick up and throw away. I just feel that the greater health concern is with smokeless tobacco and we never hear about it.
- I believe this is a waste of money that could be used for something else that would better FHSU. I have no problem with people smoking and using tobacco, it's a personal choice. I would invest in more ashtrays for the smoking areas so there aren't as man cigarette butts laying around. This is a rural college campus, people smoke and crew tobacco, outlawing it isn't going to solve anything.
- I feel that the current policy of being allowed to smoke in designated parking lots is sufficient. I don't know why this would bother others it's not like the old days of being engulfed in smoke near doorways and yes, even smokers don't like that. If smoking in a parking lot bothers others so much, they need to find something more important to devote their energies to.
- It is difficult to tell others, especially major gift giving donors, that they can't smoke (even in the parking lot). I have seen some major donors (those that donate \$1 million or more) light up in their cars or in the parking lot. Sorry... I am not going to be the one that tells them to stop.
- It is not the job of FHSU to regulate what people do and enjoy in their lives. We have enough oversight already.
- Smoking in designated open air areas does NOT pose a second hand health problem. Making more ashtrays available in designated areas would cut down on the discarded butt problem. I don't know if anybody on the task force smokes, but it has been my experience that people with nothing to lose are usually entrusted with the responsibility of create restrictions for those who do.
- The quiz section of this survey is skewed. Exactly what bearing does the Tobacco industry in other countries and the tree use of the world due to Tobacco have to do with FHSU? This is the bottom line. Some top members of FHSU want to make FHSU a Tobacco free campus, that's the end game it always has been. Just know that when you do, you a discriminating against the Tobacco users that live here on Campus. The current policy works just fine but lacks the resources to effectively enforce such a policy. The vast majority of the Tobacco users on Campus (Like most of society) obey the policies and laws. It's the select few that could not care less about the policy and will violate it regardless of what the policy is. I believe that the University is trying to criminalize a legal activity. Think about the PR fall out when people start complaining about being arrested for smoking on campus. That's not what actually occurred but that's what people are going to hear and believe. But you can believe what you want, the powers that be

- have already decided and are doing this dog and pony show because that's required to infringe on someone's rights. The administration of this campus is supposed to be for the students and this college is for the students so I believe that this decision should be put to a vote of all students/faculty/staff and majority makes the decision. I could go on for another hour but I think I got my point across.
- We are intelligent adults who work at FHSU. We are aware of the hazards of smoking, but if we wish to smoke and maintain a distance from non-smokers, what is the harm. We are already banished to parking lots. We stand out in the heat and cold to avoid these individuals. We hide behind air conditioners and dumpsters to block the wind. How much more humiliating can you make this for smokers. Working in the office I'm at, I'm not sure I could go 8 hours without a smoke break. It is a way for me to escape the chaos and calm my nerves. I wouldn't object to the Quad being smoke free, but out in the parking lots and utility areas what's the harm? I strongly object to the entire campus being smoke free.
- What does the University Farm have to do the survey? I do not understand why it was included in the categories. Maybe Lewis Field or the dorms need to be included too?
- Why is the University Farm on the survey? Why isn't Lewis Field included also?

# **Comments from Staff who Did Not Identify as Tobacco Users**

- Although I am a non-smoker, I feel that if you are a responsible smoker (thinking of those around your
  environment that might be affected before you light one up) you should be able to smoke anywhere
  outside of buildings or in designated areas. Just because I do not agree/believe in smoking, that does not
  make it right for me to take that away from someone who does.
- As a person with severe allergies to cigarette smoke, my work day can be completely destroyed by the smell of second-hand smoke--it completely debilitates me which decreasing my productivity at my job or can even send me home ill. The second-hand smoke odor on students coming into a classroom or office chokes out all the clean air for non-smokers. Also as a parent of children with asthma triggered by cigarette smoke, it can be very difficult to plan outings where others completely disregard the health o others by smoking. Just because a smoker is in an outdoor area, does not mean that others are not feeling the effects of second-hand smoke. This can oftentimes trigger days of absence from school and work that otherwise would have not occurred. Smoking does not have a place on a campus where we are trying to educate the minds of our young people!
- As long as tobacco is a legal substance, there should be designated smoking areas on campus. In addition to which, a total ban on tobacco products on campus would be impossible to enforce when there are public events, sporting events, etc. Further, completely banning tobacco would make us seem like an unfriendly, intolerable institution.
- At our building on campus we have an employee who smokes regularly at the side of our building and we get second hand smoke when she comes back in. She has been warned but continues at least 4 to 5 times a day. What do we do?
- First, I believe that this committee will skew the numbers to say that anyone who indicated they have no opinion or who did not feel strongly in opposition to the ban is for the ban. That is B.S. and I don't mean a bachelor's of science, the report will come out and say that the survey overwhelmingly want a tobacco free campus.... The committee is supposed to be looking at various options, in whether the existing ban is sufficient. There was only one question about this... there were a lot more on "Qui" about the perceived negative effects or the bad side of tobacco. There were no, none, zip, nil, quiz questions about the positive sides of tobacco as an agriculture product. This whole committee is skewed to being someone's pet project to say "See what I did..." I have heard the committee and their advisor (Who by the way is a crony of the former president, hmm wonder how he got the job at FHSU) say they are looking at all possibilities... yea right, they are listening to all points of view unless I doesn't fit what they want to hear. The advisors whole reputation is on converting campuses to smoke free, he is going to sell that point to no means... I hear the committee say it will be a community enforced that will be supported by education and signs.... Translated, if you see someone smoking, call the cops because they have nothing better to do... The last policy was supposed to have an education segment... that never happened. The only ones I heard telling anyone about it were the cops telling people that they couldn't smoke on the sidewalks... I think this smoke ban will pass, and I logically know it will make a small part of the environment happy.... But I still feel like it is a small group that has latched onto a cause that will force it down everyone else's throat by claiming they are doing the righteous work to save our health. What's next, no soda on campus because people are made fat? But don't touch my coffee, because caffeine isn't
- I am a former smoker. I quit many years ago. I don't believe that FHSU should deny a legal (barely) habit or force people to leave campus to enjoy a smoke. Second hand smoke is a health issue but people don't have to stay in the area of someone who I smoking and forcing tobacco users to go long distances to smoke is oppressive. I know this is the popular thing now but I think we have gone too far.
- I am allergic to cigarette smoke. However, my main concern with people smoking on campus even in parking lots is how this affects students and visitors. It is highly unappealing to arrive somewhere new and step out of your car to be greeted by someone's cigarette smoke. That is not a good first impression.

Referring to the question about a smoking structure - I am undecided because I know there are people addicted to smoking and asking them to quit cold turkey may not be feasible. I don't like the idea of a smoking structure, especially if it means the smoke would be drifting out onto campus, but it may be a humane option. Maybe.

- I am not a smoker, but I am comfortable with the current policy of prohibiting smoking in all campus buildings and having designated areas (parking lots, etc.) for smokers to smoke. I don't think we can "legislate" smokers to guit by making the whole camps smoke-free.
- I am not opposed so much to the smoking on campus, but the cigarette butts all over the place. Outside the new Hammond Hall, the new landscaping is full of cigarette butts. Either the smokers have no regard for their trash, or there are no dispensers for them. Do they just think it is a custodian's job to clean up after them? It is a privilege to smoke on campus, so smokers should at least try to keep the campus free of their cigarette butts.
- I applaud your efforts to make FHSU a smoke-free campus. Since I have never smoked, I do not care to be around heavy smoke. Luckily, there are few smokers in my area of employment. However, I question how a total smoke-free campus policy can be enforced. It seems the police already have more than they can do, and I'm sure faculty/staff would not care to "police" students or colleagues. Wonder how Hays Medical Center enforces its campus free smoke policy? Thanks for opportunity to share thoughts.
- I believe that non-smokers should not have to be exposed to the smell of heavy smokers. It's repulsive.
- I believe the idea of a tobacco free campus will not force people to stop using tobacco products. This idea will only force people to put their tobacco use in hiding and/or force people out into more dangerous locations (i.e. across 8th street or railroad tracks) to continue their use. Will this become a liability issue for the University if someone is severely injured or killed? I also believe the minimal amount of 2nd hand exposure is no different than walking through the same smoke at Walmart or other local businesses. And if people don't want to be exposed to 2nd hand smoke, then they should avoid designated smoking areas. I also believe if people wish to live unhealthy lives, then we cannot force them to be healthier. I was a tobacco user for 20+years until several years ago I decided that tobacco didn't need to be a part of my life. I also think it is up to each individual to make their own decisions about tobacco use as long as they abide by the rules of its use in designated areas. I DO NOT believe that making Fort Hays State University a tobacco free campus will better our University in any way other than to discriminate against tobacco users!
- I support efforts to educate individuals on the dangers of tobacco use, and I welcome having designated areas away from building entrances for those who choose to smoke and/or chew tobacco. However, tobacco is a legal in America. I think the university' time and money could be better spent on other issues.
- I think outlawing smoking infringes on personal rights, but I REALLY HATE smoking and cigarette butt litter. I would support the decision to go tobacco free, because it would encourage healthier habits by faculty, staff, and students.
- I think smoking greatly cuts down on work production. Employees taking more breaks to smoke is unfair to other employees. I remember 20 years ago when they could smoke in the buildings and us non-smokers had breath it in. I am totally for FHSU becoming smoke free. Watching my supervisor run to smoke over and over for 20 years had upset me greatly.
- I was an employee at Hays Med when they enacted a tobacco-free campus several years ago. There was quite a bit of grumbling from the smokers, but they figured out ways to get off campus to smoke and quit grumbling. As a non-smoker, I felt it was a very positive change for the hospital and I think it would be a very positive change for FHSU. I really hate walking through clouds of smoke next to trash cans, or having someone light a cigarette while walking ahead of me across campus. The smell clings to my clothes and hair and sometimes triggers migraines.

- I work in the new CNL building, and enter from the back side- In just the short few months we have been there the amount of cig. Butts that are just thrown on the sidewalks and in the new landscaping around the building is a shame.
- In order for the smoking policy to work -- either in current form or smoke free, have to have the cooperation of the University Police. Because many of them smoke they do not enforce the current policy or would they if it was smoke free. I have observed several times University Police drive by or stop and pat the shoulders of a smoker and leave them to continue to smoke. If the local hospital can enforce a smoke-free and clean environment why can't FHSU. We are supposed to be a teaching institution. I have had several family members die from smoking. Hope the committee walks around campus and look at the disgusting cigarette butts piled up in front of the buildings. It irritates me students/faculty ignoring the policy because they know they can as we have a weak University Police Department. Thank you for looking at this policy.
- Let 'em smoke if they got 'em
- Let the smokers smoke. Not hurting anyone else...
- Most people know what the "right" choice is in regard to smoking and their health, but people will smoke regardless of that knowledge, just like they eat bacon on absolutely everything and drink pop like they should be drinking water. Providing a sheltered place far from the doors of buildings with a bench and a place where butts can be dispensed, gives smokers a place to relax for a few moments. It is an addiction, granted, but it is also a stress-reliever for people. They have to figure out the economic and health consequences and act on it themselves; no one can make a person quite smoking but the smoker himself. I used to smoke, but I figured it out.
- Outside Rarick Hall on the north side, a lot of students, faculty and staff smoke by the trees. I do my best to avoid parking near this area because of this factor. Once out there, you literally have to hold your breath until you pass by. It's hard to not "tell on anyone" but I have seen members of FHSU smoking in or near golf carts & trash bins. Don't want to get anyone fired but I do not agree with this happening. I can't bring a bottle of whiskey (if I wanted to) on campus. So they shouldn't smoke here it is not allowed and so forth. Chewing is disgusting, so you know how I think of that! Electronic cigs are used just for a reason to smoke inside and such. If we would allow them inside or on campus, that is rewarding those smokers.
- Please leave the policy the way it is, or our chain-smoking foreign exchange students from China might all leave, and that would be devastating to me.
- Please make campus a smoke free place to work. It will make everyone healthier in the long run. Thank you!
- Regardless of what decisions are made, more needs to be done currently to enforce the current policy, as students and staff are unaware of the policy because they don't seek out the information, and they aren't actively confronted when they are violating the policy.
- Spit cups left behind from the smokeless tobacco uses are worse than the cigarette butts laying around.
- The current policy of requiring smoking in designated parking lots is sufficient to protect people from second-hand smoke when walking in and out of buildings where smokers used to congregate. I don't see people smoking while they walk on campus, usually in the open, the smoke drifts away from other pedestrians. Faculty, staff and students who smoke need to have an accessible place to smoke. Continue to NOT allow smokeless tobacco use in any building on campus.
- The issues with the current policy are enforcement, publicity and ineffective smoking areas. I have personally seen university police officers not address smoking violations. I believe that students are actually confused about where they can and cannot smoke. Also, having parking lots as designated smoking areas does not provide a safe or out-of-the-way space for smoking. There are also not enough butt receptacles, so students congregate to smoke near the butt cans or just throw the butt on the ground.

- The lower socioeconomic status of a person, the more likely they are to be a smoker. Do we really want to provide another disincentive for the poor to attend college, at the most affordable university around?
- The question/comment I keep hearing on campus about the use of tobacco products detracting from the beauty of this campus is ridiculous. If cigarette butts are left around campus, that is a littering problem, not a tobacco usage problem and should not be presented as such. Chewing tobacco that is spit on the sidewalk is no less detracting than bird excrement on that same sidewalk. The premise that this campus will look better if tobacco usage is banned from campus is a crazy notion to present to well-educated individuals. We don't need any stricter policies on campus regarding tobacco usage. If we are set on implementing more policies on this campus, develop a littering policy and a public spitting policy but leave the tobacco one alone.
- There is still an ash tray on the NW corner of Tomanek that is used regularly and well away from any parking lot.
- Ways to approach individuals who are not compliant with the FHSU policies.
- While I agree that second smoke irritates people and people are trying to get healthy myself included. I quit smoking a year ago and while I don't condone cigarette use, I believe personally as a veteran that this infringes on people's rights. I think designated smoking areas are good but that we need to enforce those rules for everyone on campus not just the people from around but all students no matter their ethnic background. To ban smoking period on the campus also raises the risk of less students attending this university as studies show there are quite a few 18-21 year old smokers. We would be better to enforce the laws we have in place here and care more about keeping the revenue stream coming in and no ebbing out to other campuses who don't have these same rules.
- While you have the right to make this campus a smoke free campus you are taking the choice away from people who normally smoke. I've also noticed that you will cause contention as you don't currently enforce the rules for smoking without foreign students and if you enact this policy and they still don't listen you will cause much contention among the non-foreign students on campus which could also cause your enrollment to go down for future semesters. You are also saying that nonsmokers have more rights than smokers and I'm pretty sure that will get to the newspapers. I'm a nonsmoker but I believe in true equality not just in non-smoker rights you all should probably start doing the same thing.
- With the addition of new individuals to campus each semester, educational and evaluation processes will be key to a successful tobacco policy,
- You should not make campus smoke free. While it is a hazard for those who smoke and those who inhale second hand smoke, Most smokers on campus are aware of the current regulations and follow them and those don't smoke can easily avoid those areas if they want to.

# Appendix D **Survey Instrument**

Tobacco Policy Task Force 2014

The FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force is assessing the current campus tobacco use policy. As part of this effort, we are collecting information from students, staff and faculty. To adequately represent the entire campus, the participation of every potential respondent is very important. This survey is confidential

and only grouped data will be analyzed. Participation is voluntary and you may withdraw from the survey at any time (simply close your browser). This survey is intended for those 18 years of age and older. If you are under the age of 18 and have received this survey by mistake, please select "Do Not Continue" and then the "NEXT" button. If you would like to proceed, please select "Continue" and then the "NEXT" button.
<ul><li>O Continue (1)</li><li>O Do Not Continue (2)</li></ul>
If Do Not Continue Is Selected, Then Skip To Thank you. If you have questions about
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Q1 We will start with a few questions to help us analyze our findings. What is your age?  O 18-23 years old (1)  O 24-29 years old (2)  O 30-49 years old (3)  O 50 or more years old (4)
3 55 of more years and (1)
Q2 Are you a male or female?  O Male (1) O Female (2)
Q3 Which of the below best describes you:  O Student (1)  O Staff (2)  Faculty/Administration (3)
If FHSU Student Is Not Selected, Then Skip To Do you currently use any tobacco prod
Q4 Which best describes your current standing:  O 1st Year Student (1)  O 2nd Year Student (2)  O 3rd Year Student (3)  O 4th Year Student (4)  O 4+ Years Student (5)  O Graduate Student (6)
Q5 Are you an International Student?  O Yes (1) O No (2)

If No Is Selected, Then Skip To Have you ever been exposed to second  Q7 Which of the following tobacco-related products do you use? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  □ Cigarettes, Cigars, etc. (1)  □ Chewing Tobacco (2)  □ Electronic Cigarettes (3)  □ Other forms of tobacco or tobacco/tobacco flavoring/nicotine delivery (4)  Q8 How often do you use tobacco-related products? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  □ Daily (1)  □ Weekly (2)  □ Monthly (3)  Q9 In the past 12 months have you tried to quit using tobacco-related products? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  □ Yes (1)  □ No (2)  Q10 Please select the following statements that best represent your understanding of current policy with regard to the use of tobacco-related products at FHSU. (Check all that apply.) [Tobacco-related product include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]	Q6 Do you currently use any tobacco-related product products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or r O Yes (1) O No (2)	E-cigarettes and	_	
cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  Cigarettes, Cigars, etc. (1)  Chewing Tobacco (2)  Electronic Cigarettes (3)  Other forms of tobacco or tobacco/tobacco flavoring/nicotine delivery (4)  Read How often do you use tobacco-related products? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  Daily (1)  Weekly (2)  Monthly (3)  Read In the past 12 months have you tried to quit using tobacco-related products? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  Yes (1)  No (2)  No (2)  Smoking is Chewing Tobacco E-Cigs/Vaping	. ,	exposed to seco	nd	
chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  Daily (1)  Weekly (2)  Monthly (3)  Q9 In the past 12 months have you tried to quit using tobacco-related products? [Tobacco-related products include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  Yes (1)  No (2)  Q10 Please select the following statements that best represent your understanding of current policy with regard to the use of tobacco-related products at FHSU. (Check all that apply.) [Tobacco-related product include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and any other devices that contain tobacco or deliver tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]	cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and tobacco, tobacco flavoring and/or nicotine.]  □ Cigarettes, Cigars, etc. (1)  □ Chewing Tobacco (2)  □ Electronic Cigarettes (3)	any other device	es that contain tobac	
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	regard to the use of tobacco-related products at FHS include cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, E-cigare	U. (Check all the	at apply.) [Tobacco-	related products
				E-Cigs/Vaping is allowed (3)

	Smoking is allowed (1)	Chewing Tobacco is allowed (2)	E-Cigs/Vaping is allowed (3)
In buildings on campus (1)			
On campus grounds and sidewalks (2)			
At athletic venues such as Lewis Field and the Rodeo Arena (3)	٥		
At the University Farm (4)			
In designated parking lots (5)			

Q11 Do you recall seeing signs posted around campus regarding tobacco use?  O Yes (1) O No (2)
Q12 Have you ever been exposed to second-hand smoke on the campus of FHSU?  O Yes (1) O No (2)
Answer If Have you ever been exposed to second hand smoke on the campus of FHSU? Yes Is Selected
Q13 Where have you been exposed to second hand smoke on the campus of FHSU? (Check all that apply)  Building Entrances (1)  Athletic Events (2)  Parking Lots (3)  Outdoor Areas on Campus (4)  University Vehicles (5)  Other: Please specify (6)
Q14 Current FHSU Policy on Tobacco Usage is the following: "Smoking and the use of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and any other nicotine delivery device, except for smoking cessation aids are prohibited in all Fort Hays State University buildings and facilities."
"Smoking is only permitted [] in designated parking lots."
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We are interested in your general impressions of current policy. Please indicated if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Our tobacco usage policy is adequate for FHSU. (1)	0	0	0	0	0
People should be able to smoke in open areas on campus. (3)	•	•	•	<b>O</b>	O
Our campus should be completely tobacco-free. (2)	•	•	•	<b>O</b>	O
People should be able to use smokeless tobacco products in buildings. (4)	•	•	0	0	O

Q15 We are interested in your opinions about a few other tobacco-related issues. Please indicated if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
Litter caused by tobacco products (cigarette butts, empty packages, chew on sidewalks) detracts from the appearance of FHSU. (1)	0	0	•	0	O
More needs to be done to reduce tobacco use on campus. (2)	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>
I believe individuals should have the right to use tobacco on campus. (6)	•	O	•	O	•
I am concerned about the health consequences of being exposed to second hand smoke on the FHSU campus. (3)	•	O	•	O	•
It is the responsibility of campus administration to enact regulations that protect members of the campus community from the dangers of tobacco usage. (5)	0	<b>O</b>	•	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>
There should be designated smoking structures provided away from buildings. (4)	•	•	•	•	O

Q16	The issue of tobacco use on the FHSU campus is to me.
O	Extremely Important (1)
O	Important (2)
O	Somewhat Important (3)
O	Neither Important nor Unimportant (4)
O	Somewhat Unimportant (5)
O	Unimportant (6)
O	Not at all Important (7)

Q17 Imagine that you witnessed someone violating FHSU tobacco policy on campus. How comfortable would you be with speaking to that person about the policy?

- O Very Comfortable (1)
- O Somewhat Comfortable (2)
- O Neutral (3)
- O Somewhat Uncomfortable (4)
- O Very Uncomfortable (5)

	8 How supportive are you of a tobacco-free policy on the campus of FHSU - prohibiting all tobacco
	ge from all campus property?
	Very Supportive (1)
	Supportive (2)
	Somewhat Supportive (3)
	Neutral (4)
	Somewhat Unsupportive (5)
	Unsupportive (6)
0	Not At All Supportive (7)
tha	9 If a tobacco-free policy was put in place, which of the following would be the best way(s) to enforce t policy? (Check all that apply.)  The FHSU Police Department (1)
	A Student Reporting Protocol (2)
	A Faculty Reporting Protocol (3)
	A New Tobacco-Free Enforcement Unit (4)
	Informal enforcement by all members of the FHSU community (6)
	Other: Please Specify (5)
	O How would the implementation of a tobacco-free policy influence your decision to continue attending ool or working at FHSU?
O	I would be more likely to STAY at FHSU if the campus were tobacco-free. (1)
O	Changing to a tobacco-free campus will not influence whether I continue to attend or work at FHSU. (2)
O	I would be more likely to LEAVE FHSU if the campus were tobacco-free. (3)
O	1 Before receiving this survey, were you aware of FHSU's Tobacco Policy Task Force? Yes (1) No (2)
O2:	2 Did you attend any of the information sessions held on campus on October 20th and 21st?
O	Yes (1) No (2)
poli	3 Were you aware of the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force web page (http://www.fhsu.edu/tobacco-cy/) before receiving this survey? Yes (1) No (2)
Δnc	swer If Were you aware of the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force web page
	p://www.fhsu.edu/tobacco-policy/) before receiving this survey? Yes Is Selected
	4 Have you visited the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force Web page?
	Yes (1)
O	No (2)

Q25 We have a few questions that will help us understand tobacco knowledge across campus. The next four questions are a quiz. Please try to select the correct answer to each question. Our first question is This country is currently the leading producer of tobacco:  O The United States (1)  O India (3)  O China (2)  O Indonesia (4)
Q26 Malawi also produces a lot of tobacco. About of children aged from 5 and 15 work as laborers in tobacco production (earning 17 cents a day).  O 5% (1)  O 15% (2)  O 20% (3)  O 37% (4)
Q27 The number of trees cut down each year world-wide to provide land for tobacco plants and to provide fuel to cure tobacco leaves is about  20 to 50 million (1)  10 to 20 million (2)  1 to 5 million (3)  50 to 150 thousand (4)
Q28 About of elected state representatives in the US receive campaign donations from tobacco lobbying organizations.  Q 10% (1) Q 30% (2) Q 50% (3) Q 80% (4)
Q29 And the correct answers are 1) The leading producer of tobacco in the world is China, with 3,200,000 metric tons a year. The US produces about 1/4 of that amount. (Source: www.statista.com/statistics/261173/leading-countries-in-tobacco-production/) 2) Malawi also produces a lot of tobacco. About 37% of children aged from 5 and 15 work as laborers in tobacco production (earning 17 cents a day). (Source: thinkafricapress.com/malawi/tobacco-production-child-labour) 3) The number of trees cut down each year world-wide to provide land for tobacco plants and to provide fuel to cure tobacco leaves is about 20 to 50 million. (Source: www.pdx.edu/healthycampus/sites/www.pdx.edu.healthycampus/files/Environmental_Impacts.3.7.13.pdf) 4) About 50% of elected state representatives in the US receive campaign donations from tobacco lobbying organizations. (Source: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1448227/) NOTE: These sources, among others, will be available at the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force website: www.fhsu.edu/tobacco-policy/.  O Please click here to continue (1)
Q30 Do you have any comments you would like to leave for the Tobacco Policy Task Force?  Yes (1)  No (2)

Answer If Do you have any comments you would like to leave for the Tobacco Policy Task Force? Yes Is Selected

Q31 Please enter your comments here. All comments will remain confidential.

Q32 Thank you. Please visit the FHSU Tobacco Policy Task Force web page (www.fhsu.edu/tobacco-policy/) for more information about tobacco and tobacco policy. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Mike Walker at 785-628-5563. If taking this survey made you feel uncomfortable and you would like to speak to someone, please contact the Kelly Center at 785-628-4401.