

The Vassar Student Association Resolution 27-6
A Resolution Concerning the Gathering of Student Opinion Regarding a Smoking Ban
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WHEREAS the mission of the Vassar Student Association is to “serve, represent, and promote the interests and welfare of the students of Vassar College” and to “represent the opinions of the student body, serving as a communications conduit to the Faculty, Administration, Trustees, Alumnae/i, the local community and beyond,”¹

WHEREAS one of the guiding principles of the 27th VSA Council is that “we will actively seek out the desires and opinions of our fellow students and always be willing to listen,”²

WHEREAS a poll of the VSA conducted by the VSA Student Life Committee in spring of 2012 which received responses from over 1/3 of the VSA found over 65% opposition to a smoking ban on Vassar’s campus,

WHEREAS this has been the only widespread attempt to gather student opinion and the discussions regarding a ban have largely excluded the input of at-large members of the VSA,

BE IT RESOLVED that the VSA Council encourages those involved in the decision to ban smoking on Vassar’s campus including but not limited to: The Dean of The College, The President of the College, and The Committee on College Life, to postpone voting/ deciding on a smoking ban pending further efforts to assess student opinion including: polling, surveys, focus groups, and/ or formation of a task force.

¹ Vassar Student Association, “Constitution: Article II - Purpose”, Revised 9/16/2012

² Vassar Student Association, “Resolution 27-2: A Resolution to Adopt the Guiding Principles of the 27th VSA Council ”, adopted 9/16/2012