**Resolution Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment and Cessation/Prevention**

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has concluded that there is no “risk-free” level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, and The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified secondhand smoke as a group “A” carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogens,

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board has categorized secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant and indicated that exposure to tobacco smoke is hazardous to smokers and non-smokers alike,

WHEREAS, Gavilan College approved a policy in 2011 to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for students, employees, children, vendors, and visitors on campus by prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco and non-regulated nicotine products and by approving support for education, smoking cessation, and smoking prevention activities and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 survey results of the Associated Students of Gavilan College indicated support for designated smoking areas and created one parking spot in specific parking lots as designated smoking areas for tobacco and e-cigarettes to eliminate exposure to second hand smoke, which has provided positive qualitative and quantitative data supporting these efforts.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Gavilan College Academic Senate supports the continued efforts to ensure a healthy college environment as outlined in the Tobacco Free and Smoke Free environment and Cessation/Prevention plan which recommends the continuance of the one parking spot in specific parking lots **plus** the addition of California Government Code Section 7567.1 to leverage fines for offenders that smoke or vape outside the designated areas; and

RESOLVED, Academic Senate values the importance of Student Health and encourages other shared governance constituencies to approve and support the Tobacco and Smoke Free Environment and Cessation/Prevention plan; and

RESOLVED, the Academic Senate is committed to continuously support Tobacco and Smoke Free Environment and Cessation/Prevention plan and advocate for a smoke and tobacco free campus.