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Name of Proposal:	100% Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative
Requesting Individual	ASO President, Jesus Reyes
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What are we proposing?	<p>I propose that WLAC becomes a 100% Tobacco-Free Campus and that we adopt a tobacco-free policy.</p> <p>This initiative seeks not only to expand on the already restricted LACCD non-smoking ban, but also to promote health and welfare of the WLAC community, by encouraging those that use tobacco products to refrain from exposing others to secondhand smoke while on campus.</p> <p>I also propose the creation, implementation and advertisement of cessation programs to identify those using tobacco products who feel unable, on their own, to quit this deadly habit.</p>
When? (Time and Date)	All the time, 24 hours a day including weekends
How do we plan to accomplish this initiative?	<p>The WLAC Student Health Center, The Environmental Club, and the ASO have created a task force to tackle this issue, however, the success of this initiative will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.</p> <p>We are requesting the support of faculty members and staff, the Sheriff Department and the support of our President Dr. James Limbaugh.</p> <p>The WLAC Student Health Center has proposed to print-out and distribute advertising brochures of the cessation program for those interested in quitting; they've proposed not only to prescribe smoking cessation aids, like Chantix, NicoDerm patch, and also, provide free and low cost mental health support with the goal that students quit this harmful addiction.</p> <p>In addition, I will ask that the WLAC Student Health Center provide group counseling, also, I further recommend that the Employee Assistances Program (EAP) Provide cessation workshops.</p>
How will this benefit our students and our College?	<p>This initiative will encourage the cessation of this addictive and life-threatening product.</p> <p>In addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking increases cost to WLAC through the increased fire and medical insurance costs, potential fire damage, cleaning and maintenance costs, and costs associated with absenteeism and health care. A tobacco free-campus will provide a safe and healthy working and learning environment for present and future students, faculty, and staff on our campus.</p>

	Possibly, this initiative will increase revenue for WLAC, and it will definitely, benefit our environment as well.
Funds: How much will it cost and who will pay for it?	This is an ASO initiative, the ASO President Jesus Reyes is in the process of contacting sponsors outside the College to help alleviate the cost. But ultimately, is WLAC's responsibility to ensure students are protected from these harmful substances.
How will you advertise this Initiative?	Reach out through flyers, phone calls and visible NO SMOKING signs throughout the school. as well as school home page
What are we requesting from WLAC?	<p>We the students demand that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) WLAC protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, on WLAC campus; (2) WLAC guarantees the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air, while recognizing that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke. (3) WLAC encourages a healthier, more productive living/learning environment for all members of our campus community. <p>We are asking WLAC to change the existing "Smoking Policy" to 100% "Tobacco-Free Campus" and to increase their efforts with smoking cessation.</p> <p>As we move towards this new phase, we request that the office of our WLAC President James Limbaugh along with the Sheriff Department enforce the LACCD Administrative Regulation B-6, which prohibits any district employee, student or visitor from smoking cigarettes, or any processed-substance, or the use of, vapor-generated devices in any of the District's buildings. Previously, the rule was that smokers had to be within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance or operable window. However, smoking needs to stop, and it should stop here.</p> <p>We demand that all smoking designated areas be removed from our campus immediately.</p> <p>We demand that any District employee, student or member of the public who knowingly violates the rules pertaining to LACCD non-smoking policy, be subject to disciplinary action as stated in (Penal Code Section 626.4) and in (Board of Trustees Rule 98.4).</p>