

University of Delaware  
Graduate Student Government

# Tobacco-Free Campus Survey: Summary of Results

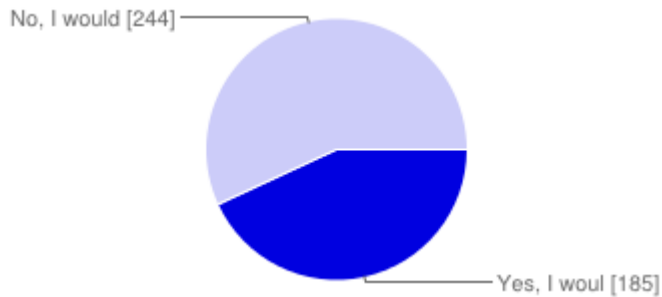
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# 429 responses

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## Summary

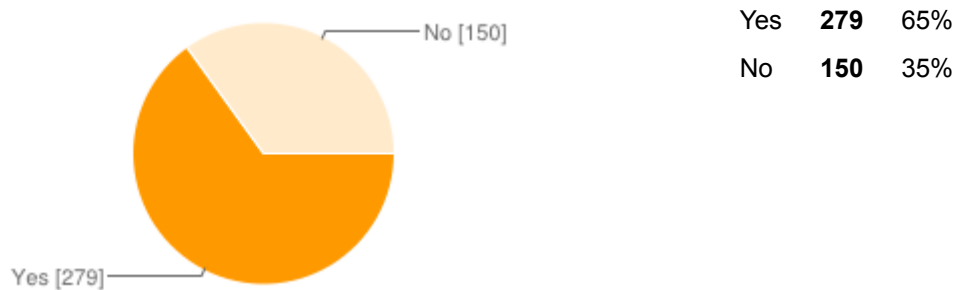
Would you like to read the full-text of the policy before you answer the survey questions?



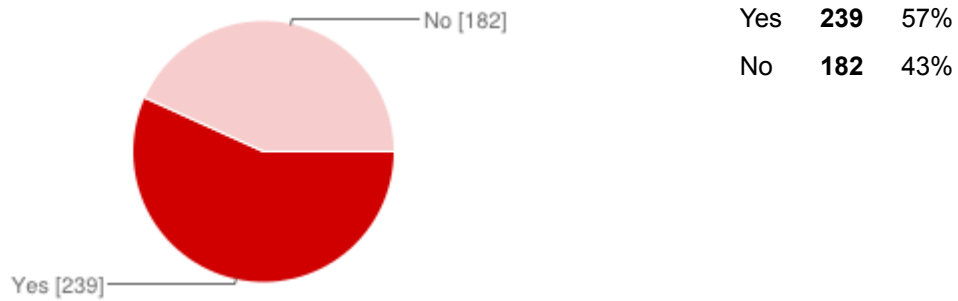
Yes, I would like to read the full text of the proposed policy.	<b>185</b>	43%
No, I would like to proceed directly to the survey questions.	<b>244</b>	57%

## Tobacco-Free Campus Survey - Questions

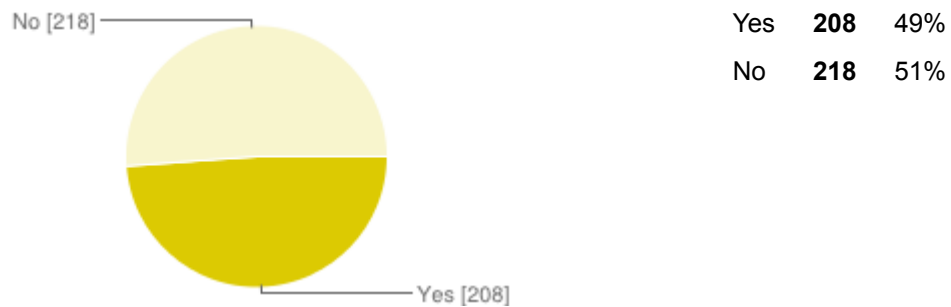
In principle, do you believe that the University of Delaware should have a tobacco-free campus?



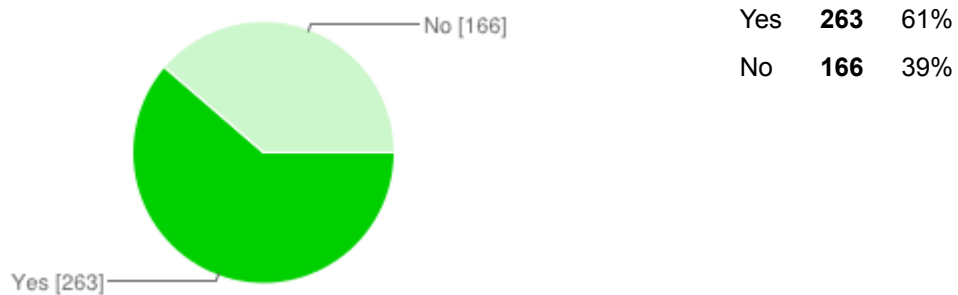
**Do you support the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy as it is currently written?**



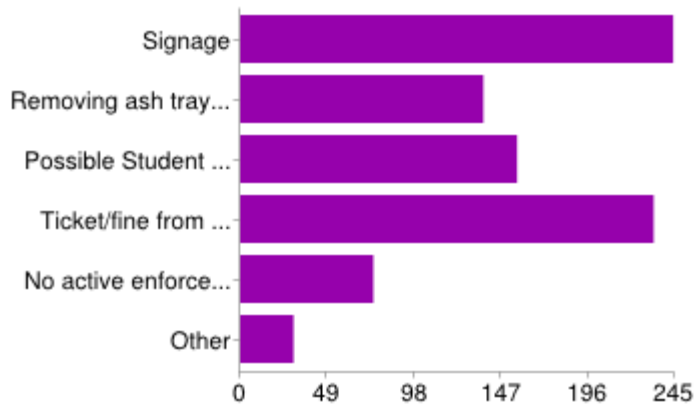
**Would you support a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy that does not prohibit e-cigarettes?**



**Instead of an entirely tobacco-free campus, would you support a limited number of designated smoking areas around campus?**



**Which method(s) do you think would be most effective for enforcing a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, if one were to be approved?**



Signage	<b>244</b>	28%
Removing ash trays from campus	<b>137</b>	16%
Possible Student Conduct/judicial sanctions	<b>156</b>	18%
Ticket/fine from the police	<b>233</b>	27%
No active enforcement methods	<b>75</b>	9%
Other	<b>30</b>	3%

**26 Commented in favor of the policy (as written)**

**12 Skeptical about the success of the policy (in general)**

- 42 Skepticism/lack of support expressed by a non-smoker
- 17 Smoking is not an issue on campus/"this is a solution in search of a problem"
- 12 Unrealistic expectations/this policy is not the best way to achieve the goal
- 8 The policy will not stop smokers from smoking on campus
- 7 Second-hand smoke is insignificant compared to air pollution from e.g. power plant on STAR campus, motor vehicles

**33 Concerned about how the policy will be implemented or enforced (generally)**

- 11 The policy is unenforceable
- 10 Enforce the current policy regarding not smoking near building entrances before enacting a new policy
- 3 Student buy-in is needed
- 2 There are more rampant problems with the undergraduate student body than smoking that should be addressed first, e.g. cheating, drinking, parties

*Suggestions & concerns regarding implementation*

- 33 Designated smoking areas are preferable, and should be away from buildings and high-traffic areas
- 28 E-cigarettes should not be prohibited/they are used as a smoking cessation aid
- 24 Concerned about waste from cigarette butts if ash trays are removed
- 12 Emphasize/enhance smoking cessation programs/education efforts
- 9 Chewing tobacco should not be prohibited
- 3 There should be clear maps produced/posted which show precisely where smoking is prohibited/area which is not "on-campus" where it is permitted
- 2 Designated smoking areas will be ineffective
- 1 "Signage will need to be multilingual"

*Suggestions & concerns regarding enforcement*

- 7 Concerns about delineation between university-owned and public property/concerns about groups smoking on sidewalks adjacent to campus
- 5 Use of police resources to enforce the policy is "misguided", "wasteful", "dangerous"
- 3 Fines for smoking look like a "cash grab" by the university
- 1 Judicial sanctions are a form of discrimination against smokers

**31 UD does not have the right to dictate people's actions/restrict personal freedom**

- 17 It is unfair to punish those who are addicted/"an incredibly harsh punishment for people who are unfortunately addicted"
- 10 Recommendation (usually tongue in cheek) to regulate or prohibit other unhealthful things, e.g. sweets, bacon, caffeine, soda, alcohol, concealed firearms, "poor sleeping habits", "sedentary lifestyles"
- 8 Smoking should be allowed in personal property, e.g. cars, apartments
- 5 Disproportionately affects international students who come from a culture where tobacco use is more acceptable than in the US
- 5 "Draconian"
- 4 Graduate studies are stressful enough that students should be allowed to smoke to help relieve the stress
- 2 Disproportionately affects university staff
- 1 "Delaware dares to be first in taking away our freedom :("