

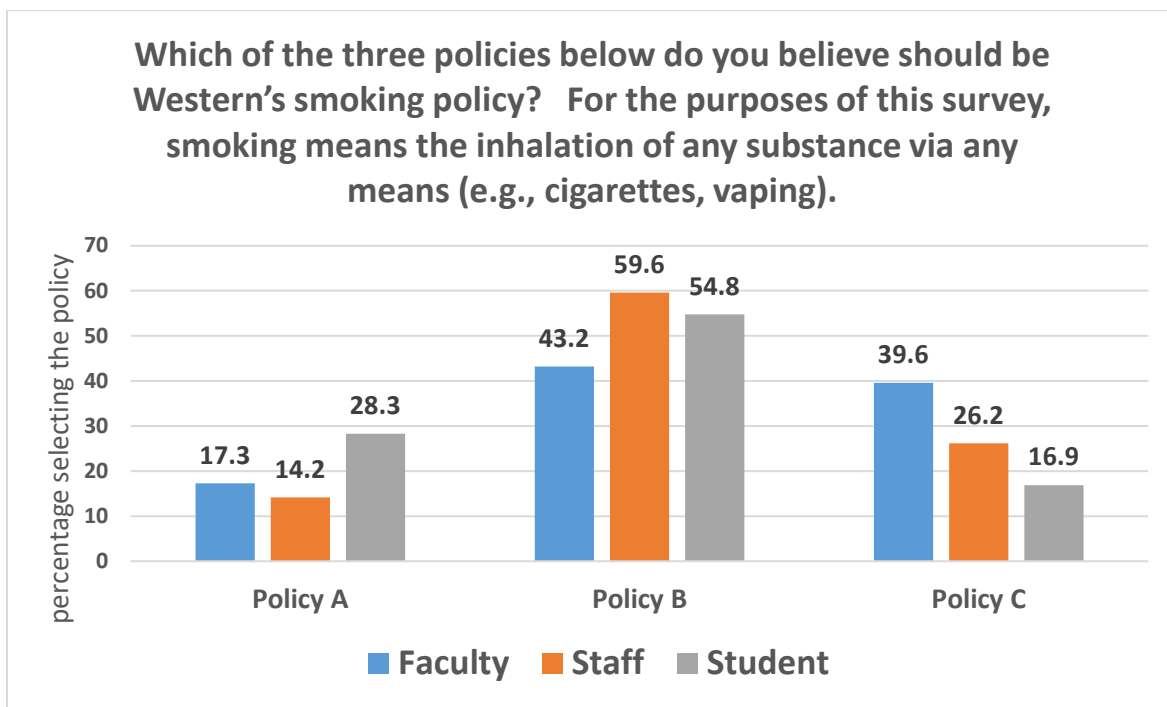


Central Health and Safety Committee Smoking Policy Survey Results Winter 2019

Background

Last fall, the CHSC recommendation for a smoke-free campus was presented to President’s Cabinet (PC). After further discussion, PC requested an updated survey to determine the preferred policy direction of the campus community. Invitations were sent to 4100 students, faculty, and staff. The overall response rate was 49%. The response rate from staff was the highest at 80%, faculty at 61% and students at 46%.

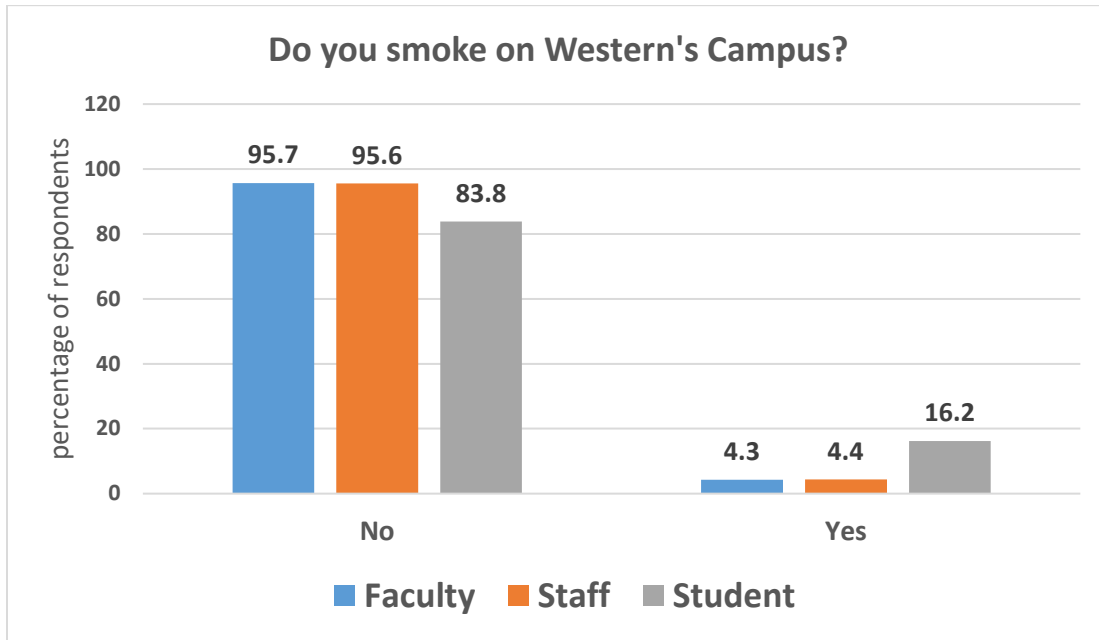
Survey results show that 75% of those sampled are not satisfied with the current policy and prefer one of two alternatives. One alternative allows people to smoke in designated areas and the other prohibits smoking anywhere on campus. 54.5% prefer the alternative of designated smoking areas and prohibiting smoking in other areas including main walkways. 19.5% preferred the alternative to completely prohibit smoking everywhere on campus.



- Policy A – No smoking within 25 ft. of building entrances, air intakes and operable windows
- Policy B – Smoking only allowed in designated areas outside of main walkways
- Policy C – Ban smoking entirely



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Major Themes from Individual Comments

From the over 600 comments collected from the survey, the major themes voiced were:

1. Enforcement concerns
2. Respect for those who choose to smoke on campus
3. Health concerns with walking through a vape cloud or cigarette smoke
4. Identified hot spot of smoke near a main walkway
5. Belief in distinction between vaping and smoking

Recommendations for Future Steps

1. Determine the direction the university will take towards smoking on campus
2. If a change to a more restrictive policy is approved, a campus-wide committee should be formed to develop an implementation plan which will include:
 - a. WAC and University Policy changes
 - b. Identification of designated smoking locations
 - c. Cessation resources
 - d. Enforcement strategy
 - e. Communication plan
 - f. Other mitigation and transition issues