



The following Motion was considered by the GFC General Faculties Council at its Monday, March 19, 2018 meeting:

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Agenda Title: **Clean Air Strategy**

CARRIED MOTION:

THAT General Faculties Council direct administration to develop a clean air strategy to minimize student, staff, and faculty exposure to smoke from cigarettes, inhaled cannabis, vapes and hookah pipes.

Final Item: 5

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## Additional Materials for GFC - Monday, March 19, 2018

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### To members of GFC:

GFC member Dilini Vethanayagam has submitted the following item for consideration at the GFC meeting of March 19. This is being distributed in advance of the meeting for your information and review as it is not part of the agenda materials previously distributed. In accordance with GFC procedures, items may be added to the agenda with a 2/3 majority vote of members present.

**MOTION: THAT General Faculties Council direct administration to develop a clean air strategy to minimize student, staff, and faculty exposure to smoke from cigarettes, inhaled cannabis, vapes and hookah pipes.**

**Background:** The University of Alberta currently does not have a policy regarding smoking in public places (cigarettes, cannabis, vapes - and hookah pipes). Carcinogens are known to be present in cigarettes and inhaled cannabis, with long-term impact. Many students and staff on campus have asthma - and exposure to smoke can make their respiratory symptoms worse.

A clean air strategy would also assist in improving academic performance and reducing missed classes due to respiratory symptoms and increased susceptibility to respiratory infections.

It would be in the best interest of students, staff and faculty to develop a clean air policy such that all indoor classrooms, corridors and buildings do not have air contaminated by smoke. Designated outdoor areas can be assigned for smokers.

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