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MANDATE

MSU take action against second hand smoking within John Paul II Library

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Student Senate notes:

- Second hand smoke is the combination of smoke from the burning end of a cigarette mixed with the smoke exhaled by a smoker.
- Second hand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, hundreds of which are deemed to be toxic and about 70 are a known cause of cancer.
- According to the CDC, since 1964, 2.5 million adults who were non-smokers died because they inhaled second hand smoke.
- There is no "risk-free" level of exposure to second hand smoke.

Student Senate further notes:

- The overhang along the perimeter of the John Paul II Library is a great form of shelter from the weather and as such, students congregate there to chat and smoke during study breaks.
- The architectural design of the building means that when the windows are opened on the 1st floor, to aerate the rooms, second hand smoke fumes are finding their way into the building and being inhaled by students who are simply trying to study or complete their assignment.

Student Senate believes:

- That no student should be exposed to second hand smoke within the walls of the university and as such, be subject to the detrimental effects it can impose on their health and well-being.

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Student Senate acknowledges:

- That “No Smoking” signs are displayed around the exterior of John Paul II Library.
- That there is no active effort to deter students from smoking in these designated areas.

Student Senate therefore mandates:

- Maynooth Students' Union President to raise this issue with the administration of the John Paul II Library and see to it that their “No Smoking” policy is enforced.
- MSU President to further lobby the University for the introduction of a designated smoking area near the library for students who do smoke.