Evaluating the Impact of La Salle’s Designated Smoking Area Protocol

Moving in the Right Direction (N= 212)

Will Improve Quality of Health (N= 212)

• In 2012-2013 the university adopted a Designated Smoking Area Protocol.

• The “past 30-day” smoking rate* at La Salle decreased slightly from 2008 (20%) to 2011 (18%). Of note is a larger decrease in March of 2013 (13%), 7 months after the protocol was implemented. The # of students who report never using cigarettes increased: 2008 (63%), 2011 (65%), 2013 (69%).

• Results show that 80% of survey respondents** strongly agree or agree that La Salle is moving in the right direction with the policy. 79% also strongly agree or agree that the policy will improve the quality of health at La Salle.

According to the CDC, “research has documented the effectiveness of laws and policies to protect the public from secondhand smoke exposure, promote cessation, and prevent initiation by young people”.

Our evaluation indicates that the designated smoking area protocol has been well received and has the potential to have a positive impact on the health of our students and community.

http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/aag/osh.htm