

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ETSU'S POLICY STATEMENT ON DRUG-FREE CAMPUS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR TAILGATING FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN ETSU SPORTING EVENTS AND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF A MORE UNIFIED STUDENT BODY.**

**WHEREAS**, many students do not participate or attend nor feel the need to participate or attend the University's sporting event (due to the lack of incentives or the lack of school spirit) and;

**WHEREAS**, members in both Student Government Association (SGA) and East Tennessee State University (ETSU) administration have publically or in a more private environment have deliberated upon and discussed how to increase student body participation in sporting events and;

**WHEREAS**, tailgating entails or is defined as consuming of drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and grilling food pre or post game to promote building community and support for a team or sports program and;

**WHEREAS**, tailgating has been used by other schools, including University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University, to increase attendance, promote team spirit, and other related phenomena;

**WHEREAS**, tailgating would provide a solution to the aforementioned problem of participation and attendance and;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center of Science for the Public Interest, "Students attending college in states with more alcohol control policies are less likely to engage in binge drinking. These policies include keg registration; laws restricting driving at 0.08% or higher blood alcohol concentration; and restrictions on happy hours, open containers in public, beer sold in pitchers, and billboards and other types of alcohol advertising," and;

**WHEREAS**, to create a safe environment for tailgating, a board or committee should be set up to create the parameters, rules and regulations, laws, and/or guidelines regarding the location, time, restrictions, procedures, etc for tailgating within ETSU.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2010-2011 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Student Government Association of East Tennessee State University respectfully requests the auspicious University Administration to amend the policy of a Drug-Free Campus that allows for the ability to have tailgating on campus.

**Section 2.** If or upon amending the policy of a Drug-Free Campus, then the University Administration establishes and appoints a board or committee to create the parameters, rules and regulations, laws, and/or guidelines regarding the location, time, restrictions, procedures, etc for creating and fostering a safe and fun environment for the purpose of tailgating

- A. Once the parameters, rules and regulations, laws, and or guidelines have been established, that they be published according to a medium(s) deemed appropriate for the purpose of students knowing appropriate behavior and do's and do not's for tailgating

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