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Cleaning Up Melcher

Whereas, the front of Melcher Hall is used as an undesignated smoking area by students who then leave their trash on the ground; and

Whereas, the first view many visitors see of our College of Business is cigarette butts and litter scattered in the trees and vegetation near the entrance; and

Whereas, this is not only pollution but also an eyesore which we must address immediately, and while SGA does not condone smoking on the UH campus, we recognize that something must be done about pollution; and

Whereas, airplanes on many major airlines do have an ashtray in their lavatories. This is not to condone smoking, which is still illegal, but to ensure that there is a safe place to discard lit cigarette butts.¹

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That three smoking receptacles specifically designed to discourage smokers from littering be placed by the back entrance to Melcher Hall to reduce the amount of debris that visitors and guests see upon entering the Bauer College of Business;

Be it further enacted, that custodial staff will do a general sweep of the outside area every few days to ensure the bins are emptied and to maintain the clean atmosphere of the college.

Cameron Barrett

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¹ https://money.cnn.com/2017/03/09/news/airplane-ashtrays/index.html