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University of Delaware
POLICY DRAFT #5: Tobacco-Free (Jan. 2014)

I. Introduction

The University of Delaware is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students, employees, guests and visitors. Research findings show that use of tobacco products in general constitute health hazards and also conclude that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke causes significant health risks for nonsmokers. Smoking and tobacco use in all University of Delaware facilities, property, venues and athletic facilities will be prohibited effective July 1, 2014.

II. Policy

- A. The tobacco-free policy applies to all members of the University community.
- B. The use of all tobacco products and tobacco related products, including E-cigarettes, is prohibited on all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University. Property for purposes of this policy includes buildings and structures, grounds, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and vehicles, as well as personal vehicles in these areas. This includes all University property located in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.
- C. Tobacco use is prohibited in any portion of the student residence halls without limitation.
- D. The sale of tobacco products and/or free distribution of tobacco products is prohibited in all University buildings, facilities, and grounds.
- E. University programs, departments, and student organizations, including campus publications, are prohibited from accepting money, advertising, and gifts from tobacco companies.

III. Exceptions

- A. Tobacco use may be approved for controlled research with prior consent granted by the dean or director for the facility, the Provost or the appropriate Vice President and the University Fire Marshall. Smoke shall be controlled as any other contaminant generated.
- B. Tobacco use may be approved for educational, clinical, or other approved purpose. Prior approval may be granted by the dean or director of the facility, the Provost or appropriate Vice President and the University Fire Marshall.

IV. Implementation

- A. Successful implementation is a shared responsibility dependent on the cooperation and consideration of the entire University community.
- B. Visitors, guests, contractors, students, employees and other individuals on campus who are in violation of the policy will be notified through signage and online materials.
- C. If a faculty or staff member refuses to comply with the Tobacco-Free policy, the immediate supervisor will be notified. The immediate supervisor will meet with the employee to discuss compliance with the policy and available cessation resources. Continued violation may result in a more formal action.
- D. If a student refuses to comply with the Tobacco-Free policy, the Dean of Students Office will be contacted. The Dean of Students Office will meet with the student regarding the Tobacco-Free policy and the student may be referred to the Office of Student Wellness and Health Promotion. Continued violation may result in appropriate disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

V. Smoking Cessation Programs and Resources

- A. Assistance to faculty and staff who may be interested in smoking cessation programs is available through the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program at 302-831-2414 for an appointment and information.
- B. Assistance to students who may be interested in smoking cessation programs can contact the Office of Student Wellness and Health Promotion at 231 South College Avenue or call 302-831-3457 for an appointment and information.