

## Smoking and Tobacco Policy

### Resolution Prohibiting Smoking and use of Tobacco Products in All College Buildings and on Campus Grounds

#### FINDINGS:

The Student Government Association initiated a request that the College adopt a smoke-free campus policy. The request of the Student Government Association was endorsed by the Student Affairs Committee of the College Council and subsequently recommended by the full College Council which represents faculty, staff, administration, and students. After consultation with his cabinet, the President formally recommended that this Board adopt a smoke-free campus policy citing in addition to health considerations, that the adoption of this policy will significantly improve the cleanliness of the campus, will eliminate costs to provide and clean cigarette receptacles and remove litter, and will reduce enforcement issues by elimination of the current designated smoking areas that are difficult to monitor. The President's recommendation also notes that a smoke-free campus policy will reduce risk of fire and safety.

The New Jersey Legislature adopted the Smoke-Free Air Act (P.L. 2005, Ch. 383) (the "Act") as amended. In the Act, the Legislature found and declared that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the State and the nation, and tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the nonsmoking majority of the public. The Legislature also found that separation of smoking and nonsmoking areas does not eliminate the hazard to nonsmokers in common shared areas. Based on these findings, the Act specifically prohibits smoking in any area of any building of, or on the grounds of, any public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, regardless of whether the area is an indoor public place or is outdoors.

These findings of hazards to nonsmokers are equally applicable to shared access areas and outdoor facilities on the grounds of a public institution of higher education. Further, this Board concurs with the conclusions of the College President that adoption of a smoke-free campus policy will significantly improve the cleanliness of the campus, eliminate the cost to provide and clean cigarette receptacles and litter removal, alleviate enforcement issues related to the monitoring of designated smoking areas, and will reduce the risk of fire and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2007, smoking will be prohibited in all campus buildings and anywhere on the grounds of the College campus except that smoking will be permitted in vehicles not owned by the College. Effective immediately, smoking will be prohibited in College owned vehicles.

As used in this policy, "smoking" means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked which includes electronic (vapor) products, and in accordance with P.L. 1981, Ch. 320, as amended, includes the inhalation or chewing or snuff or chewing tobacco.

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Employees or students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate discipline. Other persons who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate enforcement measures including restriction, suspension, or denial of rights of access to campus facilities.

Prior to January 1, 2007, the administration shall post smoking prohibited signs at all entrances to the College campus and at all outdoor recreational or seating areas and shall otherwise communicate to students, employees and visitors to the College campus the terms of this smoke-free campus policy.

Prior to January 1, 2007, the College administration is directed to conduct smoking cessation programs for students and staff who may wish to use this change in policy to stop smoking.

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