



MEMORANDUM – TOBACCO FREE UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL

TO: President's Council
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DATE: September 25, 2012

SUBJECT: **Proposal to take The Ohio State University Tobacco Free**

As a part of our commitment to the health and wellbeing of faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors, Ohio State is considering moving to a **100% Tobacco Free University**, with the goals of:

1. Reducing tobacco use among students, faculty, staff, and visitors;
2. Reducing health risks for non-smokers;
3. Cleaning up and protecting the campus environment; and
4. Becoming the world's healthiest university.

Many factors align to support the university moving forward with this proposal at this time:

- Students have been working with Student life, advocating for Ohio State to go Tobacco Free. Faculty, staff, and leaders from various colleges, units, and regional campuses have asked to go tobacco free since the Medical Center did so in 2006.
- On July 23, 2012, the Ohio Board of Regents passed a resolution recommending that all University System of Ohio schools go tobacco free (resolution attached)
- On September 12, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced a national initiative to eliminate tobacco use on college campuses.
- The State of Ohio Healthy Ohio Program and the Ohio State Board of Education support tobacco free colleges and universities and are advocating for all campuses go tobacco free.
- Ohio State was recently awarded the Bronze Level Health Lead Accreditation award by the US Healthiest Workplace Accreditation Program.
- Workplace smoking bans reduce the prevalence of smoking and daily cigarette consumption.
- Smokefree policies and norms are effective in reducing the initiation, prevalence, and intensity of smoking among young adults.

We invite you to participate in the university-wide discussion on the proposal to prohibit tobacco use anywhere on university property. We need to receive your input and feedback by **Friday, November 9, 2012.**

This direction is supported by the OSU Health Plan and the Tobacco Use Work Group, made up of faculty, staff, and students from these units and committees:

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| College of Medicine | Office of Human Resources |
| College of Nursing | Office of Student Life |
| College of Public Health | The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center |
| Comprehensive Cancer Center | University Advancement |
| Council on Student Affairs | Students 4 A Healthy Campus |
| Office of Health Sciences | |

Proposed changes:

Current Practice	Proposed Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prohibits smoking indoors, in university vehicles, and in outdoor spaces with fixed seating. – Prohibits tobacco use in the tobacco-free zone. 	Prohibit use of tobacco on university owned, operated, or leased property including vehicles and all outdoor areas.
Prohibits smoking only, except in the tobacco-free zone.	Expand prohibition to tobacco, using the American College Health Association’s definition as a base. Tobacco to be defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including and not limited to, cigarettes (clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos, hookah smoked products, pipes, and oral tobacco (spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff). Also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products or contain tobacco flavoring.
Advertising is not prohibited.	Prohibit advertising about tobacco on university owned, operated, or leased property or at any university sponsored event or university owned or sponsored media.
Donations from tobacco companies allowed.	Prohibit the acceptance of donations, gifts, or sponsorships of any kind from tobacco industry or firms representing the tobacco industry.
Research not addressed.	Exempt research in which the use of tobacco products is integral to the research question from the policy.

To solicit feedback on the proposal, and advice should we decide to move forward, we have asked to schedule meetings with these groups:

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| University Senate (<i>Senate Steering, Faculty Council, Council on the Physical Environment, Council on Student Affairs</i>) | Facilities Operations and Development |
| Council of Deans | International Students and Scholars |
| Department Chairs | Council of Graduate Students |
| University Staff Advisory Committee | Inter-Professional Council |
| HR Leaders and Professionals | Undergraduate Student Government |
| Senior Fiscal Officers | Residence Hall Advisory Council |
| Enrollment Services | University Area Commission |
| | University Community Business Association |
| | University District Organization |

We have also scheduled four open forums for the campus community to review the Tobacco Free University proposal, listen to feedback, and solicit advice about managing the change should we decide to proceed:

- October 8, 10 a.m., Science and Engineering Library 090
- October 9, 1 p.m., (phone forum for non-Columbus locations), register at: hr.osu.edu/training/additionaltraining.aspx
- October 15, 9 a.m., Science and Engineering Library 090
- October 18, 2:30 p.m., Science and Engineering Library 090

If it would be helpful, we are available to come to meetings to review the proposal, answer questions, listen to feedback, or participate in conversations related to the proposed change from nonsmoking to Tobacco Free. Please contact **Eunice Hornsby (614-688-8643; hornsb.1@osu.edu)** to make these arrangements if desired.

Feedback can be sent to: tobaccofree@hr.osu.edu. We need to receive your feedback by **Friday, November 9, 2012**.

Information about the Tobacco Free University proposal discussion process can be found at: <http://hr.osu.edu/tobaccofree>

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