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University of Delaware
POLICY DRAFT #6: Tobacco-Free (March 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. Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of all members of the University community.

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. Group cessation classes are also available by contacting Linda Smith in Employee Wellness at 302-831-8853.
- B. 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.