

SMOKING DISCUSSION SUMMARY TO DATE

Feb 1, 2008

This is a summary of activities and conversations related to the possible transition from designated non-smoking areas on campus to designated smoking areas. These discussions – and the committee from which the ultimate recommendation will come – have been the focus of Campus Use and Development for the 2007-2008 school year and the process actually began with internal committee discussions last year.

First - the CUDC position does not include a campus-wide ban of tobacco product use. We feel that such direction must come by way of legislative action. The committee's goal is to reduce the health risk to staff and students by dramatically reducing the exposure to second hand smoke while still accommodating the needs of staff and students who smoke.

The committee met and discussed the results of an OCCWD sponsored survey and based on data from that survey, the committee is considering a recommendation to change from designated non-smoking areas to designated smoking areas.

As part of that consideration, CUDC directed that the issue be brought to each of the employee groups and to ASG. To date the issue has been discussed with ASG, full time faculty association, classified association and selected exempt. There has been a delay in connecting with the part-time association because of contract negotiations but that presentation is being scheduled soon.

Feedback from each of these groups has been very consistent and can be summarized as follows:

1. The groups support the move to designated smoking areas
2. The groups do not want a lot of money spent building smoking cabanas
3. There needs to be some way to enforce compliance.

The Campus Security Committee met in January to address the enforcement issue. Based on discussions by that committee, Campus Security is recommending a warning for first offenders followed by a citation and fine based on the same fine structure imposed for parking violations. Those receiving a citation can appeal the issue to the citation appeals sub committee which is part of the Campus Security Committee. This enforcement recommendation will be presented to the CUDC at its next regularly scheduled meeting in February.

Campus Services has also identified all of the high use smoking areas currently on campus and will bring forward to CUDC recommendations on designated smoking locations.

The process described above has involved several months of work to date. It is expected that CUDC should be ready to bring this forward to Presidents' Council sometime in March once the committee's final recommendation is approved and polished.

Members of the committees that have been involved in this process include: Bill Leach, Tina Birch, Gale DeFontes, Rick True, David Holcomb, Elizabeth Howley, Jim Jackson, Kirk Pearson, George Sims, Bill Zuelke, Thomas Frank, Tim Lussier, Dick Ashbaugh, Bob Keeler, Lisa Nielsen, Jann York, Dean Darris, Ellen Wolfson, Mollie Williams, Mollie Frey, Rosemary Teeter, Joyce Gabriel, Karen Hunt, Pete Kandratieff and a number of ASG Representatives.