Policy #3220
POLICY ON THE USE OF TOBACCO AND SMOKING-RELATED PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND VAPORIZERS

Responsible Oversight Executive: Vice President for Administration and Finance
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A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the University's restrictions on the use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers.

B. AUTHORITY

Virginia Code Section 23-9.2:3, as amended, grants authority to the Board of Visitors to establish rules and regulations for the institution. Section 6.01(a)(6) of the Board of Visitors Bylaws grants authority to the President to implement the policies and procedures of the Board relating to University operations.

Executive Order 41 (2006) bans smoking in offices occupied by executive branch agencies and institutions, including institutions of higher education.

Guidance on Executive Order 41 (2006), published by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services on January 1, 2007, requires, among other things, that smokers must be at least 25 feet away from facility entrances.

C. DEFINITIONS

Tobacco and Smoking-related Products – All tobacco-derived or tobacco-containing products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and hookahs. It also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products or the smoking of any other substance.

Electronic Cigarettes and Vaporizers – Battery-operated or electronic devices that simulate smoking and emit vapors.

D. SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees, students, volunteers, employees of affiliated organizations, and visitors to the institution. Employees include all staff, administrators, faculty, full- or part-time, and classified or non-classified persons who are paid by the University. Students include all persons attending classes whether enrolled or not enrolled. Affiliated organizations are
E. POLICY STATEMENT

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in all facilities and vehicles owned or leased by the University.

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is also prohibited within 25 feet of any part of any facility owned or leased by the University, including overhangs, or within 25 feet of air intakes. Smoke or vapors must not drift through opened windows or doors. If buildings have an “overhang,” the 25-foot rule radius is measured from the outside perimeter of the “overhang.”

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is also prohibited in any other outdoor area where “No Smoking” signs are posted.

This policy does not supersede more restrictive policies that may be derived from and are in compliance with Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, and regulations.

F. PROCEDURES

Guidelines

To enhance the implementation of these general policies, the following guidelines are established:

1. The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in all indoor and enclosed courtyard locations.

2. The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in all outdoor athletic facilities that are defined by a fence or wall and within 25 feet of fence or wall entrances.

3. The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in all University-owned or leased vehicles.

4. The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in any area in which a fire, safety or health hazard exists.

5. All combustible/flammable smoking materials (cigarette butts, matches, etc.) must be disposed of properly in a designated ash urn and not in a waste receptacle or thrown on the ground. Ash urns will be located in proximity to building entrances, and anchored no closer than 25 feet from an entrance door, overhang, or air intakes.

6. In accordance with the Guidance on Executive Order 41 (2006), appropriate signage must be posted in each facility and at parking garage entrances, vestibules and lobbies, loading docks and similar entryways where persons enter and exist a facility.
Implementation

Implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Director of Facilities Management and/or his/her designee, and will include the following:

1. Informing the campus community of the policy at least annually;

2. Approving and designating where the use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is allowed and prohibited; and

3. Displaying appropriate signage in accordance with Executive Order 44.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this policy depends on respect of the rights of, and cooperation among, all members of the University community. Complaints based on this policy and disputes arising from its implementation should be referred to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action.

G. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Director of Facilities Management

H. RELATED INFORMATION

Board of Visitors Policy 1450 – Faculty Sanctions
Board of Visitors Policy 1530 – Code of Student Conduct
Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook
Adjunct Faculty Handbook
Administrative and Professional Faculty Guidebook
Classified Employee Guidebook
Wage Employee Guidebook
POLICY HISTORY
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/s/ Donna W. Meeks  July 22, 2014
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/s/ Robert L. Fenning  July 31, 2014
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/s/ James D. Wright  July 31, 2014
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Presidential Approval:
/s/ John R. Broderick  August 4, 2014
President  Date

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