

Fresh Air Campus Challenge (FACC) Committee
Report for Staff Council Meeting #256

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The FACC committee met on Wednesday, November 26. Our next meeting is to be scheduled.

The group discussed some of the tobacco-related information from the previous day's Chancellor's Forum, including Chancellor Rogers' comments that we might need smoking and non-smoking sections of parking lots so that people would not walk through smoke to get to their cars.

UA CHRO Erik Seastedt attended the meeting and gave the group an overview of the proposed draft regulations and took questions.

There was discussion about the timeline and a general concern that a longer transition timeline would be more beneficial than a shorter one. The group also discussed the possibility of allowing for designated smoking areas (one on upper campus and one on lower campus). Committee co-chair Kris Racina noted that even if we assume that there will be no possibility for smoking areas, the time between now and December 1, 2015 could be used to implement some transition steps.

The group will invite someone from Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Octavia Harris from the American Lung Association to the next meeting in order to get insight as to how best to transition to a tobacco-free campus.

A proposed revision to UA Policy, "Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campuses", is on the agenda for the December 11 - 12 Board of Regents' meeting. This was not part of the FACC meeting, but is relevant to this topic.

Chief Human Resources Officer Seastedt will discuss and answer questions regarding the tobacco-free and smoke-free proposed policy revisions.

PROPOSED REVISIONS with TRACK CHANGES

P05.12.092. ~~Smoking in University of Alaska Buildings.~~ Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campuses.

~~Smoking will be prohibited in all nonresidential university facilities open to the public and all public areas of all residential university facilities.~~ The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors, by prohibiting tobacco use and smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and similar products, within its campuses and facilities. Implementation of this policy may be established in university regulation. (06-20-97)

PROPOSED FINAL LANGUAGE

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Draft university regulations to show intent are attached.

The attached draft regulations are on the Board of Regents' boarddocs.com site and appear to be the same as the draft regs previously shared with Staff Council.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ak/alaska/Board.nsf/Public>