

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

POLICY 57

Health Sciences Center Tobacco Free Campus

Section 1. General

- 1.1 **Purpose.** - To establish a policy that prohibits tobacco use on the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center Campus.
- 1.2 **Authority.** - W.Va. Code §18B-1-6 and §18B-2A-4(a).
- 1.3 **Scope.** - This policy applies to all employees of WVU Board of Governors and all WVU students located at or visiting the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center campus. Visitors, patients, contractors, and vendors shall also be required to comply with this policy.
- 1.4 **Effective Date.** – June 4, 2010
- 1.5 **Revision History.** - This is the first West Virginia University Board of Governors policy regarding a tobacco free Health Sciences Center Campus.

Section 2. Policy

- 2.1 Use of tobacco products, in any form, by faculty, staff, and students located on or visiting the Health Sciences Center campus is prohibited. Visitors, patients, contractors, and vendors shall be required to comply with this prohibition on the use of tobacco products. A map indicating the boundary of the Health Sciences Center campus and the adjacent tobacco free areas surrounding the facilities of West Virginia University Hospitals, University Health Associates, and Healthsouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital is outlined in Exhibit 1, as attached to this policy's Procedure. The policy is in effect at all times.

Section 3. Communication of Policy and Designation of the Tobacco Free Boundaries

- 3.1 Signs posted at all vehicular and pedestrian entry ways to the Health Sciences Center Campus will indicate that the Campus is tobacco free. The policy will be posted on the Health Sciences Center web site. In addition, implementation of the policy will be communicated internally by a variety of electronic and written means. All publications inviting individuals to apply for employment or to attend meetings and conferences on the Health Sciences Center campus shall indicate that the campus is tobacco free. All applications for enrollment at any of the HSC schools shall communicate to the applicant that the HSC campus is tobacco free.

Section 4. Compliance

- 4.1 All students, faculty, and staff located at or visiting the campus of the Health Sciences Center must comply with this policy. Violation of the policy by students may subject them to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion, according to the provisions of the respective policies of their schools. Violation of this policy by employees may subject them to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Violation of this policy by visitors, patients, contractors, and vendors may subject them to being asked to leave the Health Sciences Center campus. The Chancellor of Health Sciences, or his designee, shall be responsible for enforcement of this policy.

Section 5. Responsibility for Application/Interpretation/Development of Procedures

- 5.1 Responsibility for the application and interpretation of this policy and the development of procedures rests with the Office of the Chancellor of the Health Sciences. Any procedures developed by the Office of the Chancellor of Health Sciences or material changes thereto shall be posted for ten (10) working days before the procedures become effective.
- 5.2 For additional information regarding the application of this policy please refer to [HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS PROCEDURE.](#)

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TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

Section 1: General.

- 1.1 **Purpose.** – To establish a policy that prohibits tobacco use at West Virginia University (“WVU”).
- 1.2 **Authority.** – W. Va. Code §18B-1-6; W. Va. Code §18B-2A-4(a).
- 1.3 **Scope.** – Subject to the provisions below, this policy applies to all members of the University community.
- 1.4 **Effective Date.** – This Policy is enacted June 7, 2012, however, as set forth below, the University will not be tobacco free until July 1, 2013.
- 1.5 **Revision History.** – This is a revision to the original Policy 57, which was effective June 4, 2010, and remains in effect until July 1, 2013, regarding a tobacco free Health Sciences Center Campus.

Section 2: Definitions.

- 2.1 “WVU Campus” is defined as (1) property controlled by WVU and under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, which includes any premises owned, operated, leased, or occupied by WVU; or (2) any street, road, or thoroughfare immediately adjacent to or passing through WVU owned property. This definition does not include the divisional campuses; however, the President is hereby delegated the authority to extend this Policy to the divisional campuses, once appropriate input and comment has been obtained from each of the campuses.
- 2.2 “Member of the University community,” for purposes of this policy only, is defined as an individual engaged in any WVU activity or program, or any individual on the WVU Campus, including, but not limited to, any person who is a student, staff, faculty member, other WVU official, vendor, patient, or visitor.

Section 3: Policy.

- 3.1 Subject to section 3.2 below, beginning July 1, 2013, use of tobacco products, in any form, by a member of the University community located on or visiting the WVU campus is prohibited. Members of the University community shall be required to comply with this prohibition on the use of tobacco products.

- 3.2 Events that attract a large number of off-campus visitors to the WVU Campus may be exempted on a case by case basis with the approval of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, provided that all smoking be restricted to designated outdoor smoking areas.

Section 4: Communication of Policy and Designation of the Tobacco Free Boundaries.

- 4.1 Signs posted at vehicular and pedestrian entry ways into the WVU Campus will indicate that the WVU Campus is tobacco free. The policy will be posted on appropriate WVU website(s). In addition, implementation of the policy will be communicated internally by a variety of electronic and written means. To the extent practical, adequate notification that the WVU Campus is tobacco free will be made to the appropriate individuals, including those that apply for employment, attend meetings and conferences on the WVU Campus, and those that apply for enrollment at any of the WVU schools and/or programs.

Section 5: Compliance.

- 5.1 All members of the University community must comply with this policy. Violation of the policy by students may subject them to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion. Violation of this policy by employees may subject them to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Violation of this policy by other members of the University community may subject them to removal from the WVU Campus. The President's designees shall be responsible for enforcement of this policy.
- 5.2 Members of the University community are expected to comply with the provisions of the tobacco free policies of any entity, whose property adjoins the WVU Campus.

Section 6: Tobacco Cessation Program.

- 6.1 WVU is committed to supporting our students, faculty, and staff who wish to overcome their addiction to tobacco products. A comprehensive description of tobacco use cessation options and resources available to our students and employees can be accessed at: <http://www.wvu.edu>.
- 6.2 Employees shall be eligible to utilize all tobacco cessation programs and resources which may be free or reimbursable by insurance. Students shall be eligible to utilize all tobacco cessation programs available through WellWVU.

Section 7: Responsibility for Application/Interpretation/Development of Procedures.

- 7.1 Responsibility for the application and interpretation of this policy and the development of procedures, if any, rests with the President and/or the President's designees.